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TELEGRAMS.

TAILORS' STRIKE.

50,000 OUT.

Router's.
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
via Bombay, May 14, 1.15 a.m.
Received, 6.30 a.m.

Contrary to expectation, the tailors' strike in London is spreading rapidly.

Yesterday afternoon there were no fewer than 50,000 idle.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

PIERCE BATTLE.

London, May 13, 4.40 p.m.
Received, May 14, 6.1 a.m.

Router's New York correspondent reports that a battle lasting twelve hours has taken place at Orozco between 5,000 Mexican rebels and 5,000 Federal troops. There were 500 casualties on both sides.

The rebels abandoned ten guns and much ammunition, retreating and burning the bridges behind them.

They are expected to make a last stand at Escalon.

MINERS WAGES.

OWNERS' APPLICATION
NEGATIVE.

London, May 13, 6.55 p.m.
Received, May 14, 6.45 a.m.

Viscount St. Aldwyn has declined to grant an application made by the South Wales coal-owners for a reduction by one and a quarter per cent. of the general wage rate.

TIBET.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

via Bombay, May 14, 1.15 a.m.
Received, 6.30 a.m.

A Calcutta message states that it is understood that the negotiation between the Tibetans and the Chinese at Lhasa continues amicably, and that an early settlement may be hoped for on the lines of the Chinese laying down their arms and returning to China via Gyantse.

A DEFENSIVE FORCE.

The Calcutta "Statesman's" correspondent at Kalimpong writes that all the Tibetan troops stationed at Gyantse have been ordered to Lhasa, while the people of Suigatse and Gyantse have been summoned to serve in a defensive force to check the progress of the Chinese troops on the Kham road.

TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

BRITAIN'S APPROVAL.

Router's.
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 13, 4.40 p.m.
Received, May 14, 6 a.m.

Router learns that the British Government's approval of the appointment of Baron von Biberstein as Ambassador to London was given on Saturday, and that the new Ambassador will arrive in the middle of June.

"FANTASTICAL NONSENSE."

Stories that the new Ambassador is coming on a special mission are described as fantastical nonsense. Germany is merely sending her ablest diplomatist out of compliment to Britain.

Count Metternich, the late Ambassador, is still ill with bronchitis, from which complaint he has long suffered acutely.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

Later.
Herr von Wangenheim, German Minister to Athens, has been appointed to succeed Baron von Biberstein at Constantinople.

"MANŒUVRES."

12 MEN WOUNDED!

London, May 13, 4.5 p.m.
Received, May 14, 4.10 p.m.

Router's St. Petersburg agent says that an order issued by the Minister for War mentions that 42 infantrymen who were "in advance of the guns" were wounded by shell fire at the recent manœuvres.

LESSON TO ENGLAND.

London, May 13, 4.5 p.m.
Received, May 14, 4.10 p.m.

Sir George Reid, the Australian High Commissioner in London, has arrived in Berlin on an important mission to extend German-Australian commercial relations.

THE DARDANELLES.

London, May 13, 4.5 p.m.
Received, May 14, 4.10 p.m.

The clearing of the Dardanelles is progressing satisfactorily and, it is expected, will be completed to-morrow.

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

FIGHT GETTING HOT.

Router's.
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
via Bombay, May 14, 1.15 a.m.
Received, 6.30 a.m.

The United States Presidential campaign is waxing hotter. President Taft is going to address eighty meetings in Ohio, and he has publicly appealed for the women's vote in the Californian primaries to-morrow, taking the credit for the creation of the Children's Care Bureau, etc. Such an appeal is unprecedented by a President.

The Democrats are delighted at the complete split in the Republican party.

JAPANESE MINE DISASTER.

Later Details.

Further details are now wired from Suwayama as to the recent disastrous coal mine explosion, reports the "Japan Mail." A fearful noise was heard at the mouth of the pit and about 120 feet of truck rails were blown to pieces which struck and partially destroyed the mining office located near the pit mouth and also caused some damage to the ventilating machinery. The ill-starred miners' families are assembled around the mouth of the pit with heavy hearts, anxiously awaiting news of the fate of their bread-earners. A rescue party was quickly organized and sent down the pit half an hour after the catastrophe, but repeated attempts ended in failure owing to the gas and flames. The mouth of the pit had finally to be closed and the search abandoned. Altogether 278 officials and miners were working in the pit at the time of the explosion, all of whom must have met a terrible death. Thirty-three bodies were subsequently recovered, but they were so badly burnt and charred as to be beyond recognition. Such a terrible disaster is said to be unprecedented in coal mining in Hokkaido.

Frequency of Such Accidents in Japan.

The "Nichi Nichi" quotes in this context a certain Government authority as saying that although it remains an open question whether it is possible to entirely prevent coal-mine catastrophes, it is certainly possible to minimize the danger. Such accidents are more frequent and disastrous in Japan than in any other civilized country, owing to the imperfect appliances in the mines and the ignorance of the miners. The casualties from coal mine accidents in Great Britain, Germany and Japan during the five years ended 1909 were as under:—

	Deaths.	Death rate from explosion.	Percentage.
Japan.....	2,381	1,209	58.9
Great Britain 5,789	419	7.3	
Germany ...	5,729	589	10.3

The death rate from coal mine explosions in Japan thus reaches 58.9 per cent. of the total casualties, whereas the deaths from the same cause in Great Britain and Germany do not exceed from 7.3 to 10.3 per cent. Explosions in Japanese coal mines can be traced mostly to carelessness on the part of the miners. Match boxes carried with them into the pits often prove to be the cause of catastrophes. Mining in Japan is a dangerous occupation: so long as preventive measures are not enforced and the education of the miners remains unimproved.

TELEGRAMS.

TURCO-ITALIAN WAR.

ISLANDS OCCUPIED.

Router's.
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
via Bombay, May 13, 1.50 p.m.
Received, 5.38 p.m.

The Italians have occupied the islands of Coxo, Scarpanto, Piscopi and Nisera and are sending the garrisons and authorities as prisoners to Italy.

ARABS SURPRISED.

via Bombay, May 14, 7.30 a.m.

Received, 11.59 a.m.
Router's Rome correspondent states that the Italians surprised the Arabs at Tobruk, driving them off and killing a hundred.

MORE ISLANDS OCCUPIED.

The Italians have further captured the islands of Kalissno, Lero and Patmos, the Turkish authorities and officials being taken aboard warships.

BOXING.

LANGFORD'S LATEST.

London, May 13, 7.45 p.m.
Received, May 14, 7.22 a.m.

Router's correspondent at Melbourne states that Sam Langford has defeated the Chicago heavyweight Barry after eleven rounds. The referee stopped the fight, Barry being outclassed throughout.

TROPICAL DISEASES.

A NEW BUREAU.

via Bombay, May 14, 7.30 a.m.
Received, 11.59 a.m.

From July 1st next, the Sleeping Sickness Bureau becomes the Tropical Diseases Bureau, with an increase in funds contributed by the Imperial Government, India, South Africa, Sudan, Ceylon, Malay States, West Africa, the West Indies and Fiji.

Its annual income will be £3,000, and new Bureau will be quartered in the Imperial Institute.

Two eminent veterinaries have joined the committee.

AMERICAN FLOODS.

BRIGHTER REPORTS.

via Bombay, May 14, 7.30 a.m.
Received, 11.59 a.m.

Regarding the floods in the United States, there is an improved outlook in the Louisiana cities. Rain has ceased, though there is still danger from bursting levees.

GERMAN NAVY BILL.

via Bombay, May 14, 7.30 a.m.
Received, 11.59 a.m.

The Reichstag has passed the Navy Bill without amendment. The Socialists alone opposed the measure.

TELEGRAMS.

CHANGING CHINA.

STRICT ECONOMY URGED.

(From Chinese Sources.)

Shanghai, May 13.

The President has issued an order for the protection of Government and private property, while in another edict that he has published he calls for the strictest economy in the administration of affairs.

REFORMS INTRODUCED.

Tung Shao-yi, the Premier, and the Cabinet ministers attended a meeting of the Advisory Council, where they announced their policy of governmental reform.

THE LAND TAX.

It is the intention of the Government to issue title deeds to the owners of paddy fields and other property in exchange for the old documents and to tax the fields to the extent of one per cent. of their value and houses to two per cent.

OFFICIALS COMPLAIN.

The officials of the Ministry for Posts and Communications have submitted a petition to the Government asking for the removal of Si Sui-ki, the head of the Department.

THE CONTROL OF FINANCE.

A report is current that the foreign loan syndicate is likely to give in on the question of the control of China's finances and that they intend to place the task of supervision in the hands of the Commissioners for Customs. The syndicate, however, insists on the engagement of a Belgian as China's financial advisor. Hsiung Hsi-ling has refused to agree to this, but has agreed to the appointment of a Belgian to advise on the reform of the nation's currency. "Shat Po."

MUTINY IN TIENTSIN.

Peking, May 13.

There has been a mutiny among the troops stationed at one of the railway stations in Tientsin, but it was quickly suppressed by soldiers dispatched to the spot by the Governor-general of Chihli.

NEW MINISTER TO AMERICA.

Chung Man-in will, it is reported, be appointed as Chinese Minister to Washington.

MANCHURIA TO BE DIVIDED.

Sum Sui-lin, Governor-general of Heilangkiang, has suggested the sub-division of the Three Eastern Provinces into two parts and that they be called Northern and Southern Manchuria respectively. A Governor-general will then be appointed for each division.

LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

The loan syndicate is insisting on the limitation of China's armaments, the six Powers guaranteeing to afford the nation all the necessary protection. "Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

TELEGRAMS.

CHINESE LOAN.

THE SETTLEMENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 14, 9.10 a.m.
Received, 9.24 a.m.

The international bankers have arranged for supervision of the payment and disbandment of the soldiers by the Customs Commissioners.

They have also arranged for the establishment of a separate Audit Department.

SUN YAT-SEN.

MILLION DOLLAR RUMOUR.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 14, 9.10 a.m.
Received, 9.24 p.m.

The National Council has severely examined Tang Shao-yi regarding a reported payment of a sum of one million dollars to Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

THE CHINESE COMPOSITOR AGAIN.

The following is a paragraph taken from the "Journal de Pekin." The typographical errors are typical and common to all foreign newspapers. We fully sympathize with our contemporary:—

"Two murders of a very dastardly kind have excited the populace very much. The first victim was the wife of a small shopkeeper who was accused by her mother-in-law of stealing money out of the shop. In spite of the fact that she was to be a mother shortly she was first strangled and then mutilated by her father and mother-in-law while her husband was arrested as accessory. The murderers were accused by the brother of the victim and the mother and husband have been executed; the father has been banished. In the second case the victim was a wife who was murdered and mutilated by her husband and sister-in-law. In this case the accusers were the neighbour Tee murderers were beheaded, before an enormous crowd of spectators, and it is hoped that criminals of this type will be strangled on by these means."

LOAN DEADLOCK.

Will the Chinese of the South Seas Help?

President Yuan Shih-kai has summoned all the Ministers of State in his office to discuss the deadlock of the loan question. They all agreed that the demand of the Six Powers group cannot be considered. Plans were discussed to raise money. According to the "Shanghai Times," a certain member of the Cabinet has suggested the despatch of a special commissioner to the South Sea Islands to influence the Chinese residents there to advance money to the Central Government.

Though Premier Tang Shao-yi had promised the Six Powers group that the Belgian loan would be cancelled, he is finding it very difficult to keep his promise. The Belgian Minister in Peking has not yet given any reply to the Premier. It is probable the Minister will refuse to cancel the loan; that this step is contrary to the Sino-Belgian Treaty.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

Telegrams

The Chinese loan crisis has been settled on the lines of supervision of the payment and disbandment of the soldiers by the Customs Commissioners, and the establishment of a separate Audit Department.

Reported payment of a million dollars to Sun Yat-sen has resulted in severe criticism of Tang Shao-yi in the National Council.

Sam Langford has easily defeated the Chicago heavyweight fighter Barry at Melbourne.

South Wales mine-owners have unsuccessfully applied for a reduction in the general wage rate by one and a quarter per cent.

The tailors' strike is growing; 50,000 are now idle.

Mr. Taft has set a precedent by publicly appealing for the women's votes in the Californian primaries.

An early settlement of the trouble between the Tibetans and Chinese is expected.

In a fight which lasted twelve hours the Mexican rebels and Federal troops each sustained 500 casualties, the rebels eventually retreating.

Baron von Biberstein will take up the German Ambassadorship in London during next month. Talk of his going to England on a special mission is regarded as "fantastical nonsense."

It is expected that the work of clearing the Dardanelles of mines will be completed to-day.

During recent Russian military manœuvres, 42 infantrymen who were "in advance of guns" were wounded by shell-fire.

Steps are being taken to extend German-Australian commercial relations.

The Italians have now occupied several islands between Crete and the coast of Smyrna.

The rains having ceased, better news is to hand regarding the American floods, though there is still danger from bursting levees.

With an increase in funds, the Sleeping Sickness Bureau will after July 1st be known as the Tropical Diseases Bureau.

The Reichstag has passed the Navy Bill.

Herr von Wangenheim, German Minister to Greece, is to be German Ambassador to Turkey.

LOCAL.

A contractor was charged to-day with blasting stone in Connaught Road without taking the necessary precautions. The case was dismissed.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council a Bill will be presented entitled "an ordinance to make provision for the reconstitution of the full court."

Mr. Drummond to-day referred to the time spent on the case arising out of the Yik Lung Bank and offered the opinion that the services of a shorthand reporter were necessary in the Courts.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., is to move at Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council that the "finest site" should be levelled and turfed.

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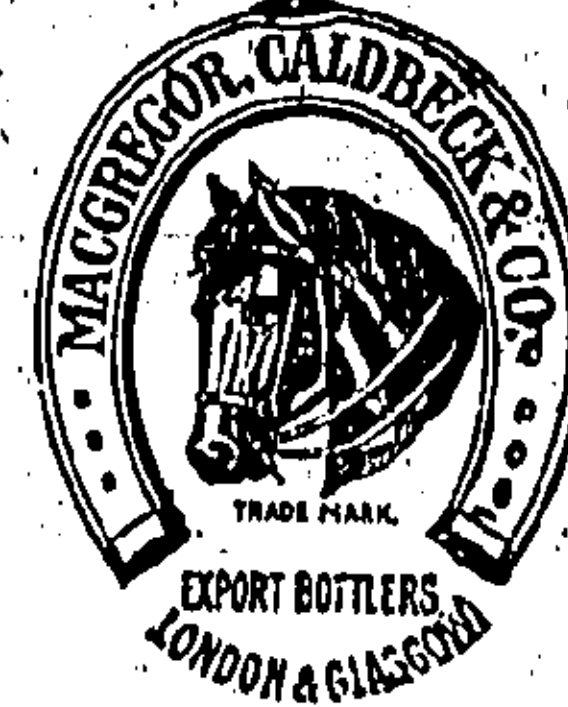
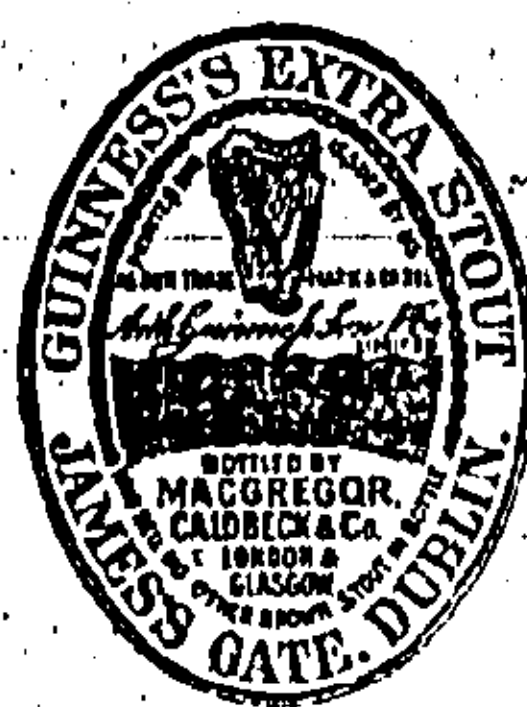
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

The Armament Question.

The greatest Empire the world has ever known must not be jeopardised to please the whims of the well-intentioned. A certain visionary place is said to be paved with good intentions; and, therefore, until those good intentions are more firmly based upon sound common sense, the question of disarmament must be relegated to the land of Utopia. It is a mistake, we believe, for our statesmen to refer to our "Supremacy of the Seas," rather should they say that the Navy of the British Empire will always be ready to take a supreme position on the sea should the necessity arise for defensive action by our great fleet, the fundamental purpose of which is that it should be "an instrument not of aggression but of defence." The British Empire does not pose before the world as the supreme ruler of the sea, but she is prepared—and must continue prepared—should the time ever arise for such a claim to be asserted—to show that she is ready to meet with any possible combination of opposition. That this is clearly recognised by statesmen is an indication of the future splendour and prosperity of our Empire. It also means that the peace of the world is safeguarded, for there is nothing like being thoroughly ready for war to ensure the blessings of peace.

Daily Press.

China and Recognition.

So long as there are signs of discontent and disorder in the capital of the South, so long will people hesitate to put faith in the stability of the new Government. Another very important factor is the loan imbroglio. If the negotiations are successful the Powers will see in this a good guarantee of stable government in China; if, on the other hand, the Government declines to accede to the demands of the Bankers' Syndicate as regards supervision and inspection, and decides instead to attempt to raise money in the country by special levies, then the outlook would be ominous indeed. A telegram has been published in Peking to the effect that the German Government has approached the other Powers on the subject of a general recognition of the Republic of China, and the news has evoked many expressions of gratitude towards Germany, a semi-official journal remarking that "the country that takes pains to cultivate the kindest feelings of the Chinese is the one that is likely to be most benefited by the increase of China's trade." Sweet are the uses of advertisement! Every Power interested in China is equally as desirous as Germany to be able to accord formal recognition to the new Government; but they all need assurance that the Government has come to stay, and that assurance can only be had after a sufficiently long and careful study of the attitude of the people towards the acts of the Government. If, having regard to all the circumstances, formal recognition by the Powers is obtained within twelve months from the declaration of peace, China will have cause for congratulation.

South China Morning Post.

China's Professions and Actions.
"As soon as the adjustment of the troops has been settled, severe measures will be taken to forbid opium." This is the declaration of Governor Chang of Shensi, and it is provocative of a smile, for his denunciation of the drug and its abuse is a mere farago of words when unbiased men review the situation in China to-day. We need not lift the veil on the immediate past, when under Manchu dominance the "authorities" put forth perfunctory efforts in administrative measures, so that opium planting was not entirely prohibited, neither need we seriously challenge the Governor's statement that "since the revolution started no attention could have been paid to the matter." In the words of Tallyrand, language was evidently given to hide our thoughts and not serve as a vehicle for them.

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TOURNEY.WHO'S WHO OF THE NEW
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"Young Hopetuls."

Australian cricket enthusiasts are hopeful that the team which will come to England this summer to take part in the first Empire cricket tourney will be capable of putting up a good fight, despite the deplorable absence of Clem Hill, Armstrong, Ranford, Carter, Cotter and Trumper.

"There seems no valid reason," says a writer in the "Sydney Morning Herald," "why the team should not do quite well, for it is obviously full of possibilities. True, there is a tremendous task in front of it, but at all events it can do no worse than our seasoned representatives have done at home this season against 'young England.'"

The writer has compiled a highly interesting "who's who" of the players, many of whom are new to England. Extracts are given below:—

Earned His Place.

Roy Minnett has unquestionably earned his place, no matter what be the criterion of selection adopted for the team. He is young and strongly built, and he possesses an admirable blend of dash, stamina, enthusiasm, and pluck. He is of the fibre of which great cricketers are made. Throughout the season his batting has been characterised by brilliance and consistency seldom seen in a first season's experience of "big" cricket, and it holds out the greatest promise for an English tour.

Charles Macartney is an infinitely better batsman than when he was "home" last, although his first-class record this season hardly suggests it. Despite that record, however, one does not hesitate to predict unequalled success for the Gordon crick with the bat this tour, and there is no better field in the four continents where cricket is played. His good length left-handed bowling is bound to bring him many striking successes, as it did last time.

A New Comer.

Charles Kelleway will be new to English conditions. Somewhat or other his medium-paced bowling has not achieved the measure of success expected of it on Australian pitches, but it has long been the opinion, both expert and general, that the Globe bowler would find his latent hostility on the less reliable English pitches. There seems every justification for that opinion; time will tell. His sound defence and patient methods should bring him many successes with the bat, and the season's experience should see him returning a much more versatile and greatly improved all-round cricketer.

G. R. Hazlett is just the type of bowler to do well on an English tour, especially against county sides. With his good length "flight" bowling, backed up by his persevering, untiring methods, he should be the "stock" medium-paced bowler of the side. There is also a wonderful sphere of usefulness for him as a slip-fieldman; for he should be the leading "slipper" of the side. His batting is entirely problematical.

A Deadly Ball.

S. H. Emery has the reputation of being able to bowl "one very deadly ball." It is hoped that he will justify that reputation. Perhaps he may, for he is a plucky and energetic player. He is a useful hitter to have on a side and, if his defence is at times extraordinary capricious, it is also occasionally very effective. Emery is one of the "hopetuls" of the party.

Claude Jennings, from Queensland, is expected to be one of the bright particular "stars" of the team. His batting is essentially sound scientific. In his necessarily very limited number of first-class games this season he showed classic form; anything finer than his century display at Sydney against New South Wales could not be desired, and his form against the Englishmen at Brisbane was so good that

they class it as quite the best they have encountered all the tour. Jennings is certainly a fine stamp of cricketer—young, thoughtful, painstaking, and enthusiastic to a degree.

J. W. MacLaren is the fast bowler of the party—not so fast as Cotter, but likely to be quite as dangerous on some English wickets by reason of his getting straighter up off the pitch. He cannot last like Cotter, but the regular work on an English tour might tend to make him train into a bowler of increased stamina. For the present we prefer to regard him as one of the "hopetuls."

W. J. Whitty has been to England before, and he may improve on the form and records of his last tour. His play this season has been somewhat hampered, beyond doubt, by the severe attack of appendicitis that he encountered during the winter. It is our expectation that this time he will be the leading performer on the side with the ball.

J. T. Matthews is likely to demonstrate utilitarian virtues rather than brilliancy. His qualifications are of an all-round nature, and he is, therefore, one of those cricketers who always appear to be doing something in the game. In the field he is brilliant, with the bat he is breezy in his methods, while with the ball he is a persevering, energetic bowler of leg-breaks.

A Steady Bat.

E. R. Mayo is a painstaking, steady batsman, with a good defence, and a variety of good scoring strokes. For a number of years he has opened the batting for South Australia, and his efforts have been characterised by commendable consistency. No doubt he will occupy a similar position in the Australian team's order of going in, with every prospect of continued success. This season he has an aggregate of 300 runs—an average of 30.6 an innings.

W. Carkeek and H. Webster go as custodians of the sticks. Neither, of course, is quite up to Carter's standard in that respect, but Carkeek is a solid performer, capable of getting through any amount of hard work such as must be expected on the English tour, and Webster is young, with a touch of brilliancy in his methods.

THE DIVER AND HIS
WORK.

When the diver, Alexander Lambert, who, we believe, is still following his hazardous calling, forced his way to the treasure room of the Alphonso XII, sunk off Point Gando, Grand Canary, and recovered seven chests containing £70,000 in gold coin, he made a record in that kind of salvage. Lambert's companion, David Teaser, recovered £20,000, making a total of £90,000 in coin of the Spanish realm that would have been lost but for the pluck of these two divers. But their record has been eclipsed by the feat of a diver—whose name does not appear to have been made public—in the salvaging of the Oceana, which is now lying at the bottom of the sea off Eastbourne. There was specie amounting to over £750,000 in the strong room of the great liner, and the divers found an enormous quantity of wreckage obstructing their passage to the room where the gold was stored. One of the men, however, managed to force his way to the captain's cabin, recovered the keys of the specie chamber, and found the treasure. It reads like a chapter in a boys' story book. Yet it is all matter-of-fact history. It is not only in the salvage of gold, however, that the diver achieves his greatest distinctions. It was Alexander Lambert who saved a desperate situation when the Severn tunnel, on the Great Western Railway Company's system, was flooded some years ago. A door in the drainage tunnel had been inadvertently left open. The door was situated about a quarter of a mile from the shaft in which the water had risen forty feet. Lambert crept through a narrow passage full of water and floating debris and succeeded in closing the door. This daring act enabled the pumps to overcome the volume of water, and the work of finishing the tunnel proceeded successfully.

SINGAPORE MURDER
TRIAL.Chinese Lottery-Collector
Sentenced.

The end of the sensational Singapore murder trial came on May 1, when Ho Ah Tye was found guilty of aiding and abetting the murder of Gaw Boon Chan at Villa St. Joseph, Pasir Panjang, Singapore, in August, and was sentenced to death by Sir William Hyndham Jones.

Prisoner went into the box and said he was at one time a collector for Chap Ji Kee lotteries. He made about \$3 or \$4 a day and had a capital of \$100 or \$200. He had known the detective Wong Ah Chong for four or five years. This detective used to come to him for "expenses."

His Lordship:—What do you mean by that?

Accused:—I know I was a lottery collector and came to me monthly for money.

Fled to Hongkong.

He mentioned the names of others who ran Chap Ji Kee lotteries. He had a row with them and they assaulted him in November, 1910. His jade bangle was broken and he made a report to Mr. Peacock, the Protector of Chinese, and also told him about the Wah Kee Secret Society. Mr. Peacock searched the houses of two Cantonese. One of them went to Hongkong and the other to Bangkok. After he had been arrested he saw these two men at the stables at the back of the Detective Station.

He knew Ho Chong, who gave evidence for the Crown, and was arrested with him. He had known him for four or five years. There was no truth in this man's statement that he had been present in an opium shop when the murder of a man for \$1,000 was discussed. He did not know Chan Kang or Pak Wang Swae. He knew the gharry sycs by sight, but had never engaged his gharry. On the day of the murder he was at home all day and all night. Between 7 and 8 p.m. he was smoking ghandu in his house in Sago Street.

Arrested at Bangkok.

About the nineteenth of the seventh month (September 13) he was smoking opium with Ho Chong when that individual told him there was a warrant from the Governor against both of them. Ho Chong asked him to run away with him and he did so. He took a bag and clothing and \$85 with him. They went to Balestier Road, where they stayed overnight, and at 2 p.m. next day they went on board a steamer at the Clyde Terrace market and booked passages for Tréngganu. The ship was lying near Johnston's Pier. Ho Chong paid his own passage. The steamer called at Kuantan and remained there two hours. He did not go ashore. At Tréngganu he and Ho Chong stopped thirteen or fourteen days and then went to Bangkok, where he was arrested.

Wah Kee Secret Society.

The Wah Kee Society was a powerful one. He believed there was a warrant against him and that was why he ran away. Ho Chong said the warrant was to banish him for being concerned in the Chap Ji Kee Lottery.

At the Detective Station in Singapore he saw Wong Ah Chong every day for a week. The detective asked him to admit that Chong Chen Kay and Lam Lan Yin had asked him to kill a Hokian. The detective told him if he did so the Inspector would release him. The detective also asked him if he knew Pak Wang Swae and Chan Kang. Every day the detective pressed him to say that he did know these men. He did not know them and would not say that he did, and the detective assaulted him at night. He was shut up and could not complain to Inspector Nolan, whom he only saw passing the cell.

Cross-examined, prisoner said Detective Ah Chong knew he was a collector and that was why he took bribes from him. He had told his counsel this. It would have been useless for him to complain to Inspector Nolan of having been assaulted by the detective. He did suggest that Inspector Nolan would have convulsed at the result. His force of the body is restored.

mother made a complaint to Mr. Peacock about his being assaulted in the Detective Station.

Did you tell the Magistrate?—I did not say a word in the Police Court.

The gharry sycs had no grievance against him, but he thought he wanted to earn the \$10,000 reward and so gave evidence against him. The Wah Kee Society was a terrible one and had assaulted him once.

Mother's Story.

Under cross-examination by the Deputy Public Prosecutor, prisoner's mother said: "Heaven is above and the earth is below, I am not telling a lie." Her son complained to her that a detective Chong demanded \$50 and told him if that sum was not forthcoming he would be struck with fists. Witness got \$50 and gave it to the detective and the detective told her that if she gave him \$200 he would guarantee to get her son off.

The accused's wife also gave evidence as to his staying in the house on the seventh of the seventh moon.

Two other women were examined and one of them said that the detective Ah Chong told her to admit a statement or she would be sent to China or put in the home for women. This was said in the presence of the Inspector and she thought he told the detective to ask her.

Counsel addressed the Court and the jury then returned their verdict:—"Malay Mail."

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SHUFFLING AND SHIRKING LEADERS.

The further the Liberal Party travels along the path of placating the workers at Home the more clearly it is exposed as a party of shirkers. The Liberal leaders shrink from a bold and courageous solution of the coal strike. They deliberately declined to grapple firmly with the problem and finally rushed through a makeshift Bill. District boards were appointed—and the first decision announced has been contemptuously rejected by the men. The District Board scheme has proved, as we anticipated at the time, a failure. What other could be expected of a Bill which had not the solid support of the Party which rushed it through the Commons? We have only to remember what happened when the final stand came to be made against putting figures into the Bill. Both the Cabinet and the Party were split upon the point, and the final decision was arrived at, not on principle so much as upon the expediency of the moment. This was following the line of least resistance which has always been the line followed by this party of shufflers.

Comes now the news that a Bill is to be introduced reversing the Osborne judgment. This is not altogether surprising in view of the fact that the Liberal Party has for long been closely associated with, if not actually coquetting with, the Labour Party. Here again the policy of opportunism is apparent, for shirking and opportunism are contagious diseases in the sphere of politics. Because of its dependent position the present Government is seriously infected with these diseases. The Liberal leaders trim their sails to every passing breeze, regardless of where it blows, so always it blows them clear of the peril most immediately threatening. They do not lead, those supposed leaders, they follow, and what is actually thrust upon them by force of circumstances, they simply shuffle along the path which at the moment seems most easy. Hence the decision to reverse the Osborne judgment, if Parliament will allow. It is, no doubt, the simplest way, at the moment, of keeping the Labour Party in tune and probably seems the safest plan for placating the workers. To the danger attending it these leaders shut their eyes because it is easy and expedient.

What about the future? Even to-day comes a cable telling of yet another strike. What is the Government to do to prevent a recurrence of the waste and misery imposed upon the people by a section of the workers? That is a proper and necessary question, and the answer is too fatally plain. No preparation is being made. No evidence of true statesmanship is being displayed. The Government is content to abdicate the duties of leadership and to accept the evil of the day as sufficient unto it. The situation at Home, with such leaders in power, is a ghastly one.

DAY BY DAY.

In conversation, persons should confine themselves to what they understand.

Mr. Dowler Retires.

It is announced that Mr. Arthur E. Dowler has retired, by mutual consent, from the firm of Arnhold, Karberg and Co.

Dr. Keyt Leaves for Home.

Dr. Keyt, Port Medical Officer, left to-day on the Nile, for Home via America. He proposes to return in about nine months. Many friends wished him an bon voyage.

Boy's own Club Sports.

The entries for the Boy's own Club Sports close to-morrow at 6 p.m. Up to the present, the number of entries is fair, and many more are expected to-day and to-morrow.

Alleged Theft of Clothing.

A man was charged at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a bed quilt and clothing from the servants quarters of a house in Praya East. Inspector Mollard prosecuted.

The case was remanded.

Agency Transferred.

Captain D. A. Lackmanoff has taken over the agency for the Russian Volunteer Fleet of St. Petersburg from Messrs Melchers and Co. His offices have been opened at Hotel Mansions.

Bengal Cyclone.

A severe cyclone has swept over Bengal, causing enormous damage to property. Many boats were sunk and villages destroyed. In one case a goods train was overturned, and many deaths are reported.

Justifiable Homicide.

The inquest at Bombay on the Hindu who entered Mr. Saxon Davies' bedroom in the middle of the night, and, in the subsequent struggle, was thrown over the parapet of the roof and killed by the fall, has resulted in a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

Private Purchase of Ammunition.

A large quantity of ammunition has been privately purchased by Ten Liang, the ex-Tartar General of Nanking, Duke Tsai Tse and others. President Yuan has ordered the Duke to submit a report upon the matter.

Yuan Bars Red-tape.

The "China Frank Gazette" praises the Premier for the reforms he is going to introduce in the different State Departments by requesting different Secretaries to set aside all the former practice and red-tape in the old yamens. Only the legal codes, recent contracts and accounts are retained for reference.

Another Claim on the Chinese Government.

The French Consul in Hankow has made a report showing that the damage caused by the battles between the Republicans and imperialists to the French Concession amounts to £1,800,000. A claim to that amount will be submitted to the Chinese Government.

Wongshu Rock Buoy Established.

Notice is given that a 6-foot conical buoy, painted black, has been placed to mark the north-eastern edge of the Wongshu Rock, Canton harbour, west reach. From the Buoy, Oliver Point bears S. 18deg. E., distant 3.07 cables. A green light is placed on the Buoy from sunset to sunrise. All bearings given are magnetic.

School Boy & Opium Divan.

At the Police Court, this morning, thirteen men and a boy were charged with being concerned in an opium divan. The boy who was attested to be still attending school was charged with keeping the divan.

The charge of keeping was dismissed and they were each fined \$5 on the first charge.

The Chinese and the Dagger.

"I did not mean to use it for any harmful purpose and I use it generally for cutting meat" (Laughter). This was the excuse put forward by a Chinese who was charged at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a Japanese dagger. He further stated that he was on his way from America to his home at Kwong Mun.

The Magistrate dismissed him with a caution.

Gamblers Fined.

Nine gamblers were fined \$3 each at the Police Court, this morning.

The Li Case.

The famous Li case which has run to eighteen days' hearing has been responsible for the holding back of no less than four actions.

Next Cause Celebre.

The next cause celebre will probably come on in June when a special jury will hear a case brought by Chinese plaintiffs against a European insurance company.

Off for a Holiday.

Mrs. Stephenson, wife of Mr. Robert Stephenson of the Bijou Theatre, leaves for Australia to-morrow for a holiday. Mrs. Stephenson has not been in the best of health of late and we hope the change will prove very bene- ficial.

Shoes Stolen.

At the Police Court this morning a man was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks for stealing a pair of shoes from a carpenter.

The Amazon.

A Chinese woman who had assaulted a constable and damaged his uniform was fined \$5 at the Police Court this morning and ordered to pay \$2 for the damage to the uniform.

Reported Missing.

We have been informed on reliable authority that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a European in Hongkong employed in an important business house in the town. The man has been reported missing for a few days. We understand the charge to be preferred against the man is a very serious one.

LOCAL SPORT.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

Below we give the League table corrected up to and including last Saturday's matches:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pla.
Queen's College	2	2	0	4
Orange-gower	1	1	0	2
Y. M. C. A.	1	1	0	2
Kowloon	1	1	0	2
Civil Service	2	1	1	2
Wigwam	2	1	1	2
Chinese Recreation	1	0	1	2
Chinese Y. M. C. A.	2	0	2	0
Club de Recreatio	2	0	2	0

INTERPORT PRACTICE.

Interport practice took place at King's Park Range on Saturday with the following result:—

	200	300	400	Total.
Mr. E. Hearl	30	33	31	94
Mr. Gregory	29	31	33	93
Ser. Leadbeater	29	33	31	93
Mr. Bannerman	28	34	30	92
Mr. MacNab Wilson	28	35	30	91
Mr. Elson	29	29	33	91
Mr. T. Hearl	31	28	31	90
Mr. Henderson	31	28	30	89
Mr. Fawcett	29	30	37	96

Talkoo Range, Sunday.

	200	300	400	Total.
Mr. Elson	30	32	32	94
Mr. Henderson	31	32	30	93
Mr. B. Chapman	32	33	28	93
Mr. Fawcett	32	30	28	90
Mr. T. Hearl	29	30	29	88
Mr. Booth	32	30	25	87
Mr. Dauby	30	27	28	85

BILLIARDS.

The 1st heat of the Billiard Competition in the Seamen's Institute commenced on Monday night. Messrs. Brown and Best opened the competition at 7 p.m. Best spot, Brown plain. In the first 100, Best was leading by 32 points, but during the second 100 Brown made some good breaks and took the lead at 200, making the highest break, 20, in this period of the game. At the close Best, who had been playing rather nervously, won by 25.

Messrs. Howell and Lee commenced play at 8 p.m. and elected to use the remodelled table. In the first 100 Lee led by 55. During the second 100 Howell did some very good scoring and completed this period of the game 20 to the good. In the latter part of the match Howell certainly proved himself the better player and finished up with a margin of 33 points. Mr. Lee made the highest break with a score of 176.

COURT PROCEDURE.

REMARKS BY MR. W. V. DRUMMOND.

Necessity for an Official Short-hand Writer.

If Mr. Drummond's estimate be correct the case, which is now drawing to a close in the Law Courts, and which has reached its eighteenth day of hearing, could have been finished well under a week if certain facilities had been provided by the authorities.

Completing his address on behalf of the defendants, Mr. Drummond referred to the great amount of time that had been devoted to the case and remarked that his speech had taken much more time than it should have done because he had had to wait while His Lordship made notes of what he was saying as the speech progressed.

His Lordship pointed out that though he might have been writing it did not necessarily mean that he was taking notes of what counsel had said. He was merely making notes of the impressions that passed through his mind at the time.

A Waste of Time.

Continuing Mr. Drummond said that he occupied six hours of the court's time yesterday, in summing up his client's case, and he would probably spend an hour this morning. That would make, in all, seven hours. If he had been addressing a jury, and no notes had been taken, he could have put the whole case to them in about two hours. He thought that the case had occupied at least four times as long as it ought to have done. That was his view and he had the weight of experience behind him. He had had forty years at the bar and he had conducted scores of cases in this part of the world. That enabled him to say what would otherwise be a strong statement, but his feeling was that the case had occupied an inordinate amount of time. To-day was the eighteenth day of hearing and it had been before a jury and the service of a first class shorthand writer had been utilized to the full, it would, he thought, have taken only about five days.

His Lordship said that what Mr. Drummond was doing was giving advice with which he agreed. He was not making the case any shorter.

Mr. Drummond thought that the matter was very important and ought to be placed on record. He felt that he could have finished in five days if it had been taken in that way. If the old habit of note-taking were modified to such an extent that the services of a shorthand reporter were used to the fullest extent, it would shorten the work of the court four or five times. That was a very serious public matter. It would be an advantage to the public to have the cases taken quickly.

A Mistaken Policy.

His Lordship:—I must say that we have not in Hongkong the advantages that they have at home in the form of an official shorthand writer attached to the court. When we were called to the bar such a thing as an official shorthand writer attached to the court was quite unknown. Now they are attached to all the courts. If you could persuade the government to give us the same facilities, I should be extremely grateful.

Mr. Drummond:—I believe that there was a shorthand writer here but his services were dispensed with on the ground of expense.

That, he contended, was a mistaken policy. If the government provided a shorthand reporter and the judges would accept the statements of the reporter as the evidence that would go forward on appeal and would be considered by them in making their decisions, it would be of enormous benefit to the service of Hongkong.

THE ABSCONDING SHROFF.

This morning in the Summary Court before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Puisne Judge, The Coronation Garage sued Tung Chun-yuen to recover damages for wrongful distraint.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. W. E. I. Shenton for the defendant.

Mr. Hind said that the plaintiffs were seeking damages for wrongful distraint. They were occupiers of 462, Queen's Road West, which they used for the purpose of a motor garage; the tenancy was a monthly tenancy and all the rent was paid up to the twelfth month of the last Chinese year. The rent was collected by a shroff who for each payment used to give a receipt signed by himself, and three or four days later used to exchange his receipt for a printed one chopped by the defendant's firm and signed by the shroff. At the beginning of the second moon of this Chinese year the shroff came for the rent in the usual way, and was paid. The usual receipt was given by the shroff. He subsequently absconded. There were certain meetings between the parties but nothing came of them, and at the beginning of the third moon the rent for the previous moon had become payable. The plaintiff's accountant tendered to the new rent collector rent for the second moon, and thereupon the defendant distrained on the premises for the rent for the first and second moons.

Mr. Hind contended that the distraint was not only irregular, but absolutely illegal, and the plaintiffs were entitled to recover damages for trespass and for the special damage that they had suffered. That was the detention of a motor car during the time the distraint was in, the money that was paid for the release of the car, and the costs of the distraint.

After hearing some evidence Mr. Hind withdrew the case for the plaintiff, and judgment was entered for the defendant.

MISDIRECTED ENERGY.

Music in the Law Courts.

In spite of many attempts on the part of the Public Works Department, the Law Courts have not yet reached that pitch of Elysian comfort which makes work herein at all a pleasing duty. Probably in response to the questions put by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., to the Government at a meeting of the Legislative Council, more wires have been stretched to improve the acoustics of the Chief Justices' Court; but now counsel have to conduct cases to the monotonous humming of the fans which provide a running accompaniment in quite a minor key.

Even the Summary Court is not perfect, in spite of the work done in it during the past week. The dock certainly looks better, but now, even though they have been once attended to, the fans there are causing trouble. To-day Mr. Justice Gompertz at the beginning of the hearing of a case in Summary Jurisdiction, was obliged to have them stopped. They were lately replaced by the P. W. D. but are still too noisy.

Whether they cool the air or not is a matter of considerable doubt, for if they do produce this much desired effect, it is not perceptible in the wall of the court.

NEW ORDINANCES.

The New Court Of Appeal.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council the following bills will be presented for first reading by the Hon. Attorney General:—A bill entitled "An ordinance to amend the Law Revision Ordinance, 1911." A bill entitled "An ordinance to amend the Law Amendment Ordinance, 1911." A bill entitled "An ordinance to repeal certain enactments relating to the Law of Copyright," and a bill entitled "An ordinance to make provision for the reconstitution of the full court."

The last-named bill appears to be the outcome of a promise made by the late Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, in his last speech to the Legislative Council in connection with the composition of the Court of Appeal.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A Strange Rumour.

A curious rumour reaches us, by way of Canton, and is to the effect that the Director of the Likin stations on the Canton River has laid a complaint with the Governor-General that a certain British merchant is alleged to be assisting Chinese to escape the payment of likin. He says, runs the story, that although the sum received by the merchant in question is comparatively small, the loss to the Government is considerable. We have given the tale exactly as it has reached us and for what it is worth. At best it is rather vague as to details, and the use of the word alleged shows caution on the part of the Director of the likin stations. It is a story which, we should imagine, will hardly satisfy the British consul who, it is said, is to be approached on the matter. As it stands there is very little in it on which any responsible person would be disposed to act.

The Siberian Mail.

A good deal of speculation was aroused among business people and private residents during yesterday as to whether the German mailboat from the North was bringing down a Siberian mail, and it was only late in the day that a notice appeared stating that she was. We do not know in this instance who was at fault. Somebody was, that's certain; otherwise we should have known much earlier than 24 hours before the arrival of the steamer that a mail was on board. The Prinz Ludwig left Shanghai at 5 a.m. on Sunday; why, then, was no notification made to the morning newspapers for publication on Monday morning? If the Hongkong Post Office had the information and failed to disseminate it, they are much to blame. If on the other hand, Shanghai delayed notification until Monday the officials concerned up North deserve a rap on the knuckles. Perhaps it's all traceable to lack of system, and that what anybody's work becomes nobody's. A little Government investigation might prove helpful in such cases.

The Eternal Question.

Woman's demand for political power is universal, nowadays, and the East is rapidly learning from the West all that there is worth knowing—and a good deal more too—about "campaigning." We read that a Bill has been introduced into the Japanese Diet, with the object of removing the prohibition against women attending and participating in political meetings. During the debate Mr. Hino, the father of the Bill, said that the women of Japan were in no way like the "impudent hussies of Europe and America," a declaration that was received with prolonged applause. The women of Japan, in his opinion, were docile and temperate. Did not most Japanese statesmen support concubines, in addition to and with the consent of their legal wives? Was not that a proof of the docility of Japanese women? What American or European wife would endure such a thing? Despite these and many other arguments, the Bill was rejected, and the Japanese women stand where she did. But perhaps this is only the beginning.

Canton and Motor Buses.

To all appearances, Canton is not to have motor cars and motor buses running along the bund yet awhile. The Commissioner of Communications is not disposed to grant permission, on the ground that the bund is not wide enough and is always crowded with people. Many of them, he points out, are ignorant villagers who do not know sufficient to keep clear of the cars and so escape being run over. Even in more up-to-date countries there are always people who get in the way of motor cars, and the danger would be greater on the bund at Canton. We rather think that even the most ignorant villager would know it was wise to get clear of a motor bus, but the danger would lie in the fact that he would become flustered when he saw one swooping down upon him. Upon the whole, Canton is hardly yet ripe for motor buses, and can very well wait for a little longer.

THE NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

A Distinguished Career.

Mr. John Alexander Strachey Bucknill, who, as announced in the "Hongkong Telegraph" for May 11, has been appointed Attorney General for this Colony is a Fellow of the Zoological Society. He was educated primarily at the Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey, where in 1891 he secured an exhibition in science. Leaving the Charterhouse School he went to Keble College, Oxford, and in 1894 he took his B.A. degree, securing honours in chemistry. Two years later he became a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple and joined the midland circuit in 1896. A year later he took the master of arts degree, Oxford, and in 1902 went to the Transvaal where he practiced as an advocate of the Supreme Court. The same year he became a justice of the peace, and two years later was appointed a member of the Legislative Council. Among other offices which he held was that of member of the prisons advisory board, 1905, legal advisor to the attorney-general 1906, and chairman of committees of the legislative council in the same year. From 1902 to 1907 he was also commissioner for patents and registrar for trade marks and companies for the Transvaal. In addition to these duties he was chairman to many government commissions and on several occasions has been the recipient of special thanks from the Transvaal administration. A work which he performed in a most praiseworthy manner was the conduct of the commission, he being sole commissioner, to enquire into the allegations of immorality made against the Chinese labourers, while he also made a searching enquiry as to the reasons for the non-publication of detailed mining statistics by the department of mines in the Transvaal. In 1907 he left the Transvaal on appointment as King's advocate in Cyprus, a position which he holds now. He has acted as a member of the legislative and executive councils during the same time. His hobby is ornithology and he has published an interesting work in this connection, entitled, "The Birds of Surrey."

THE FAMOUS LI CASE.

Only Suggestions of Perjury.

This morning saw the commencement of the final stage of the case celebre that has been occupying the attention of the Chief Justice for the past three weeks, when Mr. Eldon Potter rose to reply on behalf of the plaintiffs. It will be remembered that yesterday Mr. W. V. Drummond, for the other side, suggested that one of the unpleasant ingredients in the case was that there had been rank perjury on one side. Mr. Potter in his opening regretted that the duty of replying had fallen on him, owing to the illness of his leader. He need hardly say that it always was a serious loss for any party to lose its leaders but he might safely say in this case, it was indeed a great loss, because there was no man in the colony, who had more experience of the Li family than Mr. Slade. He proposed to deal generally with certain observations made by his learned friend, who in summing up his case yesterday, replied in the same way that he opened his evidence, with a suggestion of fraud. Throughout the defendant's case from the opening to the closing, they had suggested fraud. He said "suggested" advisedly because it had never got beyond suggestion, and though requested to do so, the defendants had refused to put the allegations of fraud before His Lordship. In fact they had been quite frank about it, and have said, "We cannot prove it but we should be very thankful if your Lordship will accept the suggestion and find in this case that there has been fraud from beginning to end."

Mr. Potter was still addressing the court when we went to press.

FILIPINO STORE FOR HONGKONG.

We reprint the following from the "Cublo-news American":—"In connection with his work as Director of Philippine Publicity in southern China, Mr. F. J. Halton has opened a store and employed a Filipino man and woman to take charge of the sale of Philippine products. The store is in a central location on Queen's Road, and will be fitted up with photographs and advertising matter relative to the islands and will carry the only stock of Philippine embroideries, hats, curios, etc., in Hongkong. The Publicity Committee is arranging forward steady supplies of all Philippine products that might appeal to tourists to Mr. Halton for sale at prices intended to make the store self-supporting. The primary object is not to make money, but to advertise the Philippines and their products among the tourists who are visiting Hongkong in ever increasing numbers, and it is expected, through the distribution of advertising matter from this store, that many who might not otherwise come here, will be led to visit the Philippines."

Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son also are doing yeoman service in the distribution of literature regarding the Philippines through their Hongkong office, and are sending regular supplies to Colombo, Rangoon, Shanghai, Yokohama and London where the booklets and other publicity matter are placed directly in the hands of tourists.

All ports of the Orient at which the North German Lloyd steamers touch have been supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Behn Meyer & Co. All steamers of this line now have Philippine literature in their racks, and an endeavour will be made to keep them well supplied with booklets, etc.

JAPANESE HEAD-HUNTING.

A constable of the Kamakura Police Station, while patrolling a desolate part of Naga village near Kamakura (Japan) recently caught sight of a suspicious figure crouching toward him in an excited way. The policeman questioned him, when the man, whose clothing was bespattered with blood, answered that he had committed a grave crime and was going to the police station to confess. He was carrying in his hand the head of an old woman from which blood was dripping. The policeman at once took him to the station, where he gave his name as Monzo Sato of Naga-mura and confessed his crime.

According to his story, says the "Japan Times," the beheaded woman was Kuma, widow of his elder brother. Monzo and his sister-in-law were always on cat and dog terms. The old woman, who was seventy-nine years of age, had a lot of land, enough to sustain herself, which was left by her husband who died several years ago. Monzo had no means and barely kept his body and soul together. He was dependent on the family of a farmer of the neighbouring village. Owing to his advanced age and declining health, Monzo became despondent, and last Sunday night he called on his sister-in-law, who was living at Nagao-mura, where she had built a fine cottage for herself. The old woman, who always treated her brother-in-law with anything but kindness, picked a quarrel with him and wanted to turn him out of doors. Monzo, resentful of the cruel treatment of the woman, murdered her with a reaping-hook after midnight when she was asleep in bed. He beheaded her and was going to the police station with her head to make confession when he was arrested.

Busy Chinese Politicians.

This reason why, reports a Chinese paper, the organization of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce has been delayed is because there is plenty of secretarial work in dividing up the old bureaux among the two new Departments.

ALLEGED DANGEROUS BLASTING.

PROSECUTION BY THE AUTHORITIES FAILS.

Discussion between Magistrate and Solicitor.

An interesting case came up before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy to-day, during which an argument between the Magistrate and solicitor seemed probable. A contractor named Tung Yuen of 45 Queen's Road East, was charged with neglecting to comply with the requirements of the Public Health and Building Ordinance by blasting stone in Connaught Road without taking the necessary effectual precautions in accordance with section 210.

Mr. W. T. Edwards conducted the case on behalf of the Building Authorities, who prosecuted, and Mr. Lewis defended.

Mr. Stubbings, of the Electric Light Works, deposed that he had heard blasting at the rear of his house and that some of the stones flew on to his ground. He picked up the stones (produced) and complained to the authorities. This was on the 7th inst.

Mr. Lewis: There is a bank of blasting refuse close by your works, is there not?—No, that I cannot say.

Mr. Melbourne: Near your place is there a bank?—Yes, in Connaught Road all round.

Could Not Say.

Mr. Melbourne: You cannot say what it is composed of?—Well, some is ground that has been cut into, but that it is stone that has been blasted I cannot say.

Mr. Lewis: It is at the back of the tennis court. Yes, there are stones; but no blasting has taken place there at all.

Mr. Lewis: I do not say that I say there are stones which have been put there and they are the result of blasting. These stones (the ones in question) could not have come from there because they are right at the opposite end.

Mr. Melbourne:—You say at the end?

Witness:—Yes.

Mr. Melbourne:—At the east end of the tennis court you say there is a bank?

Witness:—Yes of deposited stones.

Mr. Lewis:—I submit there is no case to answer your Worship.

Mr. Melbourne to Mr. Edwards: You say there is a case and you are not showing anything about this contractor being connected with it. You don't say whether he was blasting or doing anything else.

Mr. Edwards:—There is a previous conviction against him.

Mr. Lewis:—No, no! I must object to that. As a matter of fact the previous conviction is not for failing to take precautions for blasting. The precaution was complied with and it is unfair to bring in that now.

Points for Proof.

Mr. Melbourne:—You bring a charge against this man for not taking proper precautions and Mr. Stubbings has said that the stones went into his garden but how are you going to connect this man with it? You must prove that he was blasting at the time and that was the only place where blasting was going on at the time, also that the stones could not have come from anywhere else.

Mr. Edwards:—I am entirely in the hands of Mr. Stubbings. This action arose from the letter from him stating that the stone had fallen into his place.

Mr. Lewis:—Personally I cannot see that there is a case and I ask for a dismissal. I have an answer to the charge but it is for the prosecution to make out their case first. There is no evidence that these stones came from there.

Mr. Melbourne:—You call Mr. Stubbings as the first witness and nothing connecting the man with the case has been produced. Unless you can connect him with it the case fails. Is that your case?

Mr. Edwards:—Yes. You mean the case fails unless he can bring evidence to prove it?

Mr. Melbourne:—Yes.

Mr. Edwards:—Then I must ask for an adjournment.

A Nice Point.

Mr. Lewis:—The case for the prosecution is closed.

Mr. Melbourne:—I don't think so.

Mr. Lewis:—You asked Mr. Edwards for the case and he said it was closed.

Mr. Melbourne:—No, I can call evidence; the case is not closed at all.

Mr. Lewis:—You asked him if that was his case and he said yes which meant that the case was closed. I am here to see this matter through for the defendant.

Mr. Melbourne:—I am asking for further evidence and if there is no further evidence there is nothing against your client. They must in some way connect him with these stones.

Mr. Lewis:—Not merely connect him with the stones, but they must prove they came as a result of his blasting operations and that he did not take the necessary precautions. I think they have a very long way to go.

Mr. Melbourne:—Is that the case?

Mr. Stubbings:—I can prove by my wife these stones came from this man's blasting. She saw me from the window pick them up. I could have proved it, only I was not allowed to give the evidence I could give.

Mr. Edwards:—Then I must ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Melbourne:—What do you want an adjournment for?

Mr. Edwards:—To produce his wife as a witness that these stones came from his blasting.

Mr. Melbourne:—But the other side have a solicitor and it means bringing the solicitor up on every adjournment. You ought to be ready to go on.

Mr. Edwards:—When the case came on I thought by Mr. Stubbings' letter that he could prove it, but evidently he has not.

Mr. Melbourne:—There is no evidence against the man.

Mr. Lewis:—Besides I can prove that precautions were taken.

Mr. Stubbings:—I can prove that the man has been blasting without taking precautions for several weeks, on my own sight. I have seen five or six charges without any precautions whatever. Yes, in full view of my window.

Mr. Melbourne:—Defendant discharged.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

The Chair Coolies Assault Case.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir:—With reference to the case tried at the Magistracy yesterday when two private chair coolies were fined \$5 each, for assault, and ordered to pay \$2 each as compensation for damaged uniform, I beg to point out that, although the Magistrate was charitable enough in passing sentence, to say, "it is a very serious thing assaulting a constable, though he did not think they tore the constable's tunic maliciously," he was nevertheless wrong. I speak as an eye witness. The assault was certainly very determined and the constable was no match for even one of the attacking coolies. The vigour the latter put into the assault would indicate that they were in good training whilst the constable was "soft." (No exercise.)

The only thing that saved the constable from a severe hammering was his adroitness in keeping the enemy at arm's length and the speedy arrival of assistance in response to a vigorously blown police whistle. Had the spot been a lonely one he must have come off a very bad second best.

Yours, &c.,
A Silent Onlooker.

SELLING LOTTERY TICKETS.

\$500 Fine Imposed.

At the Police Court, to-day, a man was charged with selling lottery tickets.

The defence was that he was given a parcel in Macao which he was led to believe contained insurance papers and was asked to deliver them in Hongkong.

He was found guilty and fined \$500 or in the alternative six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE FINEST SITE.

Hon. Mr. Pollock's Resolution.

On the agenda to be gone through at Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, is a resolution in the name of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

He will move:—That in the opinion of this council it is desirable that the plot of land to the west of the new Law Courts should be levelled and cleared and turfed, and that the work should be taken in hand at once.

It is interesting to note that this work is already in hand and that excavations to receive the brick foundation for the railings, are now being made.

Demand for Cotton.

There is, says the "N. O. Daily News," a great and growing demand for cotton, and the world has probably never been more in want of cotton goods than it is now.

When the Indian mills capture more of the Indian trade, Japan will lose a considerable portion of the raw material it now draws upon. American cotton is out of the question for ordinary manufactures, either in Japan or in China. The cotton prices are advancing, and, in any case, the raw material is ceasing to be as abundant as it was a few months ago.

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A Statue to Sun Yat-sen. The Pro-Republican Society, in conjunction with other societies and unions, have started a fund for the erection of a statue for Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a permanent memorial of his success in overthrowing the Manchu Government and the establishment of a Republic.

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The Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 15.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., noon.

Entries close for second Gymkhana.

Saturday, May 18.

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Boxing at Belle View Hotel.

Special Meeting, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Peak Tramways Co., noon.

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Hongkong, 26th April, 1912.

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Week days at 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 19th MAY.

The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN."

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

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S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 p.m.
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Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destination.	Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP	MIYASAKI MARU, Capt. T. Mural, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd May, at Daylight.
VIENNA, PIRAEUS, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	KITANO MARU, Capt. F. E. Cope, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 5th June, at Daylight.
VIENNA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OMI, SHIMIZU & YOKOHAMA	SINABA MARU, Capt. S. Tomimaga, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 21st May, at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Yagi, T. 6,000	TUESDAY, 4th June, at 4 p.m.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 23rd May.
HAMA	TANGO MARU, Capt. K. Kawata, T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 6th June.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	MIKI MARU, Capt. T. 4,000	MONDAY, 20th May.
BOMBAY & SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd May.
YOKOHAMA	WAKASAKI MARU, Capt. N. Nielon, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 5th June.
YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, T. 7,000	MONDAY, 27th May.
YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 6th June, at Noon.

"INABA MARU" will connect at Kobe with new steamer—S.S. "YOKOHAMA MARU," which will sail from Kobe for Seattle on or about 1st June, calling at Keelung.

REDUCED SUMMER RATES BETWEEN
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Commencing 1st June, ending 30th September, 1912

SPECIAL EXCURSION TICKETS (1st & 2nd class) available for 3 months

YOKOHAMA Return. KOBÉ Return. MOJI Return. NAGASAKI Return.	1st class \$135	\$122	\$108	\$95
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CALCUTTA LINE.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, RAN, GOON & CALCUTTA	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Y. Tozawa, T. 6,000	SATURDAY, 18th May.
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1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mural	May 22nd.
KITANO MARU	9,000	F. E. Cope	June 5th.
IVO MARU	7,000	R. Takada	June 19th.

FOR SEATTLE.

INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.
KAMAKURA MARU	7,000	K. Soeda	June 4th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	S. Wada	June 18th.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailing, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS.	To SAIL.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"TAIYUAN"	15th Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	15th 4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	18th 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	18th M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	21st 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly

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AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fan in Staterooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Wuchow.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45; Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to

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Sailings 19th May, 1912.

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. ALESIA.....29th May.

" SEGOVIA..... 6th June.

" SILESIA.....20th June

" FURSTBULOW.....27th June.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HOMEWARD.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. ARCADIA.....27th May.

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. EITHONIA.....30th May.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

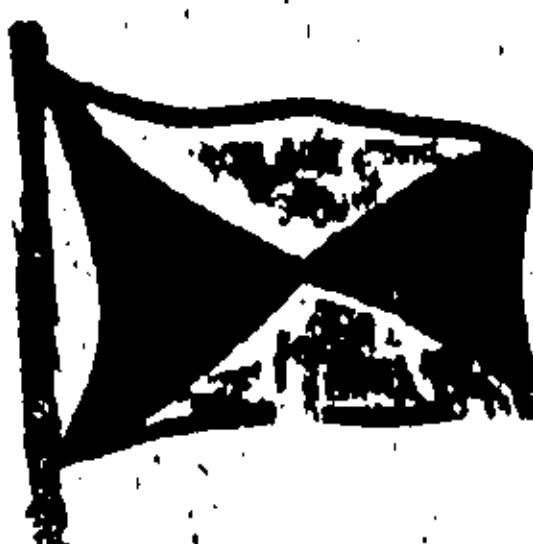
S.S. SUANDIA..... 5th June

For Marseilles, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. ANDALUSIA..... 13th June

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Hongkong Office. [12]

HONGKONG—
PHILIPPINES.
PHILIPPINES
STEAMSHIP CO

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
RUBI.....	4000	S. A. Crosby.	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	MONDAY, 20th May, 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO.....	4000	M. O. Smith.	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	THURSDAY, 30th May, 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 11th May, 1912.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN
LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on	For	Will leave on or about
Tijmanoeck	JAPAN	1st half May	JAVA	2nd half May
Tijpanas	JAPAN	1st half May	JAPAN	2nd half May
Tijkini	JAVA	2nd half May	SHANGHAI	2nd half May
Tijmah	SHANGHAI	2nd half May	JAVA	2nd half May
Tijtarcom	JAVA	1st half June	JAPAN	1st half June
Tijhadas	JAVA	1st half June	SHANGHAI	1st half June
Tijliwong	JAVA	1st half June	JAPAN	2nd half June
Tijlatap	JAVA	2nd half June	SHANGHAI	1st half July

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

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Telephone No. 375 York Building. [15]

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Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration).

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	June 25th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The triple screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, SHIMIZU, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 28th May, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Mazatlan and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz).

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration).

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug 6, Noon.
Bayo Maru	10,500	Friday, October 4, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to—
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Hongkong, 11th May, 1912.

LOG BOOK.

Sailors in Trouble.

According to the "Shanghai Times" two sailors of the U.S.S. Cincinnati are in trouble for committing robbery with violence. The story is that on the evening of May 7, they went to a cash shop at No. 2,471 Haining Road, Shanghai. One of the sailors entered the shop and asked the attendant to change a number of coppers he had into silver. While the assistant was attending to his needs, the sailor walked up to a number of twenty cent pieces which were laid in rows on the counter, and, throwing sand in the eyes of the assistant, snatched a number of the silver coins. The assistant, despite the fact that some of the sand had entered his eyes, seized the sailor and held on to him until a Sikh constable, who heard the noise created and who saw the sailor outside take to his heels, came and arrested the man, who was taken at once to the police station. Later in the evening the second sailor went to the police station to see how his friend was faring and was immediately arrested. He had in his possession a bag of sand, for which he could give no adequate reason. Inquiries elicited the information that the two men came on shore on the previous Saturday when a native living at Woosung was reported to have been molested and robbed. The Woosung man had gone into a cash shop to change about \$65 and later, when he entered Dixwell Road two sailors accosted him, knocked him unconscious with sand bags and made off with his money. When he recovered consciousness he informed the police that he had been robbed of \$50. The names of the men in custody are M. T. Kuykendal and A. J. Jones.

Austrian Lloyd Express Steamers.

The twin screw express steamers Wien and Helouan of the Austrian Lloyd in Trieste, running from October, 1911, between Trieste and Alexandria, and performing this journey in 72 hours' only, have quickly acquired the favour of the international public desiring to make this voyage under the most favourable circumstances. The steamers have always been crowded; the absence of smoke and soot by employing liquid fuel instead of coal, and the station for wireless telegraphy have met with general approbation, as well as the comfort of accommodation and the first-class catering.

Port Arthur as a Port of Call.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha the scheme of including Port Arthur in the ports of call of the O.S.K. Nagasaki-Chosen-Manchuria regular service has become an assured eventuality. As the result, the s.s. Ohsoshu Maru, 1,670 tons, sister-ship to the s.s. Shoshu Maru, is scheduled to call at Port Arthur on her way from Nagasaki to Dairen, via Chemulpo and Chinnampo. The proposed change will take effect from the 24th inst. The Company has purchased from the Kwangtung Government a warehouse in Old Town, Port Arthur, having the total area 120 tanbo, at the price of 4,000 yen.—"Manchuria Daily News."

New Steamer for Shanghai.

It is learned that the Ninghsao Steamship Co. has in contemplation the construction of a new steamer for their line. At present they have two steamers running from Shanghai to Ningpo, but the intention is to remove from this run the Yungshin and to transfer her as a freight steamer, trading to other ports. Her place will be taken by the new steamer when constructed. Specifications have been obtained for the vessel, and it is understood that her length is contemplated at about 800 feet.

VESSELS LOADING.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight.	To be Despatched.
London, Rotterdam & Antwerp	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	19 May
London and Antwerp	Donbighshire	J. M. & Co.	15 June
Mauritius (direct)	Phenomenon	Wing Fat & Co.	18 May
Marseilles, &c., via Saigon	Yarra	M. M. Co.	21 May
Marseilles, Hamburg and Antwerp	Andalusia	H. A. L.	13 June
Marseilles, Havre and Hamburg	Sithonia	H. A. L.	30 May
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg	Scandia	H. A. L.	7 June
Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Arcadia	H. A. L.	31 May
Marseilles, &c., via Suez Canal	Miyazaki Maru	N. Y. K.	22 May, d'light
do do do	Kitano Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June, d'light
Trieste via Singapore, &c.	Bohemia	S. W. & Co.	19 May
do do do	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	1 June
do do do	Africa	S. W. & Co.	19 June
Bremen, Naples, Genoa &c.	Prinz Ludwig	N. D. L.	15 May

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York	Matoppe	Bank Line	15 May
do	Manchester Castle	D. & Co.	25 May
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	21 May
do do do	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	23 July
do do do	Persia	P. M. Co.	11 June, 1 p.m.
Seattle via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Minnesota	N. Y. K.	5 August
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan &c.	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	28 May
do do do do	Tonyo Maru	T. K. K.	4 June
do do do do	Shinyo Maru	T. K. K.	25 June
Mexico, Peru, Chili via Japan	H'kong Maru	T. K. K.	7 June, Noon
do do do	Kyo Maru	T. K. K.	6 August
do do do	Buyo Maru	T. K. K.	4 October
Victoria & Tacoma via Shanghai & Japan	Mexico Maru	O. S. K.	28 May
do do do	Canada Maru	O. S. K.	26 June
Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan	Kampura Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June
do do do	Isaba Maru	N. Y. K.	21 June, 1 p.m.
Victoria, and Tacoma via Japan	Cuango Maru	O. S. K.	13 June
do do do	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	11 July 1 p.m.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	1 June
do do do	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	22 June

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Coblenz	M. & Co.	18 May
do do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	7 June
do do do	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	5 July
Australian Ports via Timor	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	25 May

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Singapore, Penang and Hongkong	Fazilka	J. M. & Co.	28 May
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Ceylon Maru	N. Y. K.	18 May
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kirin Maru	N. Y. K.	1 June
do do do	Kutsang	J. M. & Co.	18 May
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Kawachi Maru	N. Y. K.	27 May
do do do	Bombay Maru	N. Y. K.	10 June
Java, etc.	Tijmanoeck	J. C. J. L.	F. half May
do do do	Tijmah	J. C. J. L.	S. half May
Japan	Tijuwong	J. C. J. L.	S. half June
do do do	Tijpanas	J. C. J. L.	S. half May
do do do	Tijaroem	J. C. J. L.	F. half June
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of May
Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano Maru	N. N. K.	23 May
do do do	P. Sigismund	N. Y. K.	28 May
do do do	Tango Maru	N. Y. K.	6 June
Yokohama and Kobe	Itoha	J. M. & Co.	17 May
do do do	Muttra	J. M. & Co.	1 June
Wei-hai-wei	Huichow	B. & S.	18 May
Anping via Swatow and Amoy	Soshu Maru	O. S. K.	15 May
Tientsin	Cheongshing	J. M. & Co.	23 May, Noon
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. & Co.	18 May
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	21 May
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	20 May
Shanghai, Miji and Kobe	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	22 May
do do do	Milko Maru	N. Y. K.	20 May
do do do	Wakasa Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June
Shanghai, Kobe and Miji	Pookang	J. M. & Co.	19 May
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Goeben	N. D. E.	10 May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	1 June
do do do	Alesia	H. A. L.	23 May
do do do	Segovia	H. A. L.	4 June
do do do	Persia	S. W. & Co.	30 May
do do do	Nora	M. M. & Co.	20 May
do do do	Silesia	H. A. L.	20 June
do do do	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	20 June
Shanghai	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	1 half June
do do do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	S. half May
do do do	China	S. W. & Co.	4 June
do do do	Kwongsang	J. M. & Co.	19 May
do do do	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	F. half July

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Persis sailed from San Francisco on May 4th for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on June 1st.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Montevideo left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong (via usual ports of call) on Thursday, the 2nd May, at a.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of India left Yokohama for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., on the 30th April, at noon.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Goeben carrying the German Mail, with dates from Berlin of the 17th ult., left Singapore on the 11th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Coblenz left Kobe yesterday, the 13th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th inst., at 9 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. s.s. Empire left Sydney on May 9th for this port via Queensland ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

The E. and A. s.s. Aldenham left Sydney on the 11th inst., for Hongkong via Queensland ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. Prinz Sigismund left Sydney on the 4th May at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 27th of May.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tanyo Maru sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong on the 12th inst., and is expected to arrive on the 25th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru sailed from Shanghai on May 13 for San Francisco.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru arrived at San Francisco on the 6th inst., and will be despatched from San Francisco to this port on the 18th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 8th inst., for Hongkong and is expected to arrive on the 21st inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru sailed from Valparaiso, Chile, on the 8th inst., for Hongkong and is expected to arrive on the 28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Biyo Maru sailed from Honolulu for South America via Mexico on the 10th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Nore left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., at 1.30 p.m., and is due on the 18th inst., at about 8 p.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Bana is expected to arrive at Singapore on the 15th inst., at 6 p.m.

The Seng Lin s.s. Seng Chon will be despatched from here on the 17th inst., for Rangoon, via Amoy and Swatow.

The s.s. Benvenion from Leth and London left Singapore on the 6th inst., for this port.

The s.s. Monmouthshire is due here from London on 8th June.

The British India Co.'s s.s. Mottra is due here on the 28th inst. from Japan, and leaves on the 29th for Rangoon via the Straits.

The Mogul Line s.s. Ethen left Hongkong for the Straits on the 19th ult., for Hongkong via the Straits.

The s.s. Ceylon left Suez on the 22nd ult., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 2nd inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Polaris will leave for London at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th inst.

PASSENGERS.

Outward.

Per P. and O. steamer China, connecting with the steamer Oceania at Colombo. From London March 23.

To Yokohama:—Mr. and Mrs. Trevelan and children.

To Singapore:—Mr. G. Frazor, Mr. B. R. C. Reid, Mr. H. de B. Williams, Mr. P. R. Sayers, Mr. N. W. Steinberg, Mr. H. H. Holdbrook, Mr. W. L. Horwell, Mr. W. A. Taylor, Mr. E. W. Taylor, Mr. P. A. Winter, Miss L. Shand, Mr. G. E. Teale, Mr. R. J. A. Wynne, Capt. R. L. Moore, Mr. J. Milne. To Penang: Mr. Park and child.

Per P. and O. steamer Macedonia, connecting with the steamer Devanha at Colombo. From London April 4.

To Yokohama: Mrs. E. V. Carr. To Shanghai: Mr. H. Ross, Miss G. Reech, Miss A. Barry, Miss Kwai, Mr. H. O. F. Archer, Mr. E. S. Bennett, Miss W. L. Juman.

To Hongkong: Corpl. Clarke, Mr. J. T. Cabitt.

To Bangkok: Mr. J. N. S. Owen. To Singapore:—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyd-Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lane and child, Mr. C. E. W. Hogg, Mr. A. C. Vigers, Miss H. M. Barrett, Mr. G. Pierson, Mr. J. G. Maybank, Mr. W. B. Hutson, Inspector E. Bower, Mr. J. P. de Boscok.

From Marseilles April 12.—To Yokohama: Mr. A. S. Lindsay, Mr. L. Evans, Mr. A. W. Warrack, Mr. Loveley, Mr. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Daniels.

To Shanghai: Mr. H. Clorace. To Sourabaya: Mrs. Becking and children.

To Manila: Mr. W. V. A. Whyte. To Singapore: Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Roush and children, Messrs. R. C. Staal, H. O. Davidson, R. St. J. Hall, J. Lattimer.

To Penang: Messrs. C. R. Harriott, A. S. Mill, R. Pearson, C. V. Stevens.

Per P. and O. steamer Nore. From London April 6.

To Yokohama: Mr. K. Ogilvie, Mr. F. Singer.

To Shanghai:—Mrs. and Master Wodermeyer.

To Hongkong:—Mr. W. T. Harbord, Mrs. A. C. Cleverley and child, Miss King.

To Singapore:—Mrs. T. W. Rowley and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hanson, Mr. H. K. Shaw, Miss A. I. MacKenzie, Mrs. W. Blake and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams and child, Mr. P. Armstrong, Mr. N. Robertson, Mr. Handmann, Mr. A. E. Davis.

To Penang:—Mrs. Neubronner and children, Commander Mills, R.N., Mrs. and Misses J. F. Mills, Mr. F. H. N. Evans, Mr. H. H. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dishman, Mr. C. H. Allen and child, Mr. W. C. Harley.

To Singapore:—Mr. de Rouneuil.

Per P. and O. steamer Morea, connecting with the steamer Delta at Colombo. From London, April 10.—To Shanghai: Mrs. Henderson, Mr. J. Bradley. To Hongkong: Miss C. H. Barrow. To Singapore: Mr. E. A. Gibson, Mr. H. C. H. Lane, Mr. W. J. Parsons, Mr. A. P. Handman, Mr. F. P. N. Hart, Mr. R. F. Price, Mr. S. W. Barron. To Penang: Mrs. and Master Jarvis, Mr. F. O. Meyrick, Mr. T. S. Wilkinson, Mr. J. Nicholls, Mr. J. B. Farquharson, Mr. P. S. Castle. From Marseilles, April 28.—To Shanghai: Mr. E. Fuller. To Hongkong: Mr. H. Sutton, Mr. G. H. Harrison, Mr. S. H. Dowell. To Singapore: Mr. J. Williamson, Mr. R. T. Garnett. To Penang: Mr. S. W. Hemmip, Mr. A. P. Galloway.

Per P. and O. steamer Simla. From London, April 20.—To Yokohama: Mr. J. G. Phillips. To Kobe: Miss Smith.

To Shanghai: Dr. and Mrs. J. Hewett and child, Mr. E. J. Chatburn, Miss M. Herbert and Mr. H. G. Phillips.

To Hongkong: Miss Smytho. To Bangkok: Miss A. G. Carthow.

To Singapore: Mr. V. von Someren, Col. Sergt. G. South, Sergt. W. Dowling, Sergt. H. H. Carior, Sergt. E. G. Port, Sergt. H. Manile, Corpl. P. Stroud, Corpl. S. H. Kink, Mr. A. S. Elston, Miss E. A. Sney, Mr. E. P. Dr. J. A. Mallory, Mr. and

Mrs. O. Wood, Miss C. Thompson Mrs. E. G. Port, Mrs. W. M. Simo and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler and children, Mr. H. D. Hundell, Mr. T. Homsley, Mrs. G. Seath.

To Penang: Mr. W. Kaufmann, Mr. D. B. Milne, Mr. C. S. Gray, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. W. O. Harley, Mrs. A. C. Bright, Mr. G. Kinmond, Mr. S. G. Wright, Mr. C. O. Hughes, Mr. C. E. Horsfield, Mr. J. B. F. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Deal, Mr. R. P. Kittow.

Per P. and O. steamer Marmora, connecting with the steamer Arendia at Colombo. From London May 3.

To Bangkok: Mr. W. G. Poinier.

To Singapore: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ross and child, Miss N. O. Jones, Mrs. W. Cowgrod, Miss M. John, Mr. E. C. Coke.

To Penang: Mr. A. N. Stevenson, Miss M. Vosse.

From Marseilles May 10. To Sourabaya: Mr. J. C. Ferrier.

To Singapore: Mr. H. Laugher, Mrs. J. C. Ferrier.

To Penang: Mr. D. F. Topham, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon-Forbes, Mr. R. D. Greenhill, Mr. C. E. Cumming, Capt. Davidson.

Per N.D.L. steamer Goeben. From Hamburg April 4.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. K. Y. Shin and child. To Sourabaya: Mr. L. Hoffmann.

From Antwerp April 8.—To Bangkok: Mr. Maru.

To Singapore: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Klein and children, Messrs. W. and S. P. Klein.

From Southampton April 9.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGilvray. To Bangkok: Mr. Nin.

To Singapore: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hounings, Mr. R. Hibben, Miss Ronald, Mr. G. Harry, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardano.

To Penang: Mrs. E. F. Stewart, Captain and Mrs. R. Owen and children.

From Genoa April 18.—To Shanghai: Mrs. H. Berndt, Mrs. Bunting, Dr. H. Trauth.

To Bangkok: Mr. and Mrs. M. Mannfeld, Mr. M. Papa.

To Batavia: Mr. G. H. Mohr. To Sourabaya: Mr. and Mrs. V. C. van Voorhout, Mr. H. Eddelbattol.

To Singapore: Mr. M. Huseho, Mr. A. Loeb, Mr. A. Muray, Mr. F. W. Schramm, Mr. O. Kirchberger, Mr. J. Liese, Mr. H. Soltan, Mr. and Mrs. Lomberger, Mrs. P. Katz and children, Mr. A. Hertzka, Mr. P. Kibler, Mr. H. Beck, Mr. R. Vogel, Miss Garnier, Mr. J. van Baren, Miss Linsick, Mr. A. Verwoerd, Mrs. Elfrick, Captain Hainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bouman.

To Penang: Mr. and Mrs. B. B. W. Rupert and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bais.

From Naples April 19.—To Shanghai: Mr. Y. H. Hain.

Per P. and O. steamer Malta. From London May 18.—To Shanghai: Mrs. and Miss Young, Mrs. O. Hamilton and child, Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin.

To Hongkong: Mr. B. O. Evans, Mr. A. J. Mackie. To Singapore: Mrs. I. Catto, Mr. J. Bruce.

To Penang: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thorne and children.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Peter Berg, Rusa, s.s. 2,173, M. Welle, 13th May—Miji 7th May. Coal—B. & Co.

Kirin Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,201. M. Deguchi, 13th May—Calcutta via Singapore 7th May. Geo.—N. Y. K.

Tijmanoeck, Dutch s.s. 5,510, A. W. La Roy, 13th May—Mojil 9th May, Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Cyclops, Br. s.s. 5,782, G. Olake, 13th May—Manila 11th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Chenao, Br. s.s. 1,370, L. Jones, 13th May—Shanghai 1st May, 12th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Hangchow, Br. s.s. 990, W. W. Kay, 13th May—Amoy 11th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Taurigian Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,550, Watanabe, 13th May—Rangoon, Rler.—M. B. K.

Kwangle, Chi. s.s. 1,468, J. Mo Arthur, 14th May—Shanghai 1st May, Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Filippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,452, W. E. Filmer, 14th May—San Francisco 17th April, Gen.—T. R. K.

Hulow, Br. s.s. 1,317, G. Hooter, 14th May—Shanghai 7th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Lager, Br. s.s. 4,107, J. Mathis, 14th May—Shanghai 1st May, Gen.—B. & S.

Palaian, Br. s.s. 2,519, C. R. Longden, 14th May—Yokohama 30th April, Gen.—P. & Q. S. N. Co.

Yuenwang, Br. s.s. 1,124, P. H. Rolfe, 14th May—Manila 11th May, Gen.—L. M. & Co.

Childar, Br. s.s. 1,102, H. Nielsen, 14th May—Manila 11th May, Gen.—A. T. & Co.

Usimun, Br. s.s. 541, A. H. Stewart, 14th May—Swatow 13th May, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Prinz Ludwig, Ger. s.s. 5,688, F. V. Binzer, 14th May—Yokohama 4th May, Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

LEARANCES AT THE HALL-BOUR OFFICE.

Changchow, for Shanghai. Nile, for San Francisco. Taurigian, for Shimitza. Kolshing, for Hothow. Saisang, for Calcutta. American for Kwangchow. Hainan, for Fouchow. Childar, for Canton. Kwanlong, for Canton. Kailang, for Hainan. Chenan, for Canton. Hangchow, for Canton. Morapi, for New Hwang. Palaian, for London. Hainan, for Canton. Hainan, for Swatow. Kirin Maru, for Kobe.

DEPARTED.

May 14th. Hakato Maru, for Bombay. Benvenion, for Yokohama. Nile, for San Francisco. Hainan, for Fouchow. Childar, for Canton. Calcutta, for Hainan. Faltala, for Rangoon. Gungang, for London. Hong Won, for Singapore. Saisang, for Calcutta. Kirin Maru, for Kobe. Kailang, for Philippines Islands. Lousch, for Hainan. A. Apear, for Kobe.

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To Penang: Mr. and Mrs. B. B. W. Rupert and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bais.

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FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

BRITISH.					
Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Aloerity	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. A. Lowndes
Astoria	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle
Aquila	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Com. B. G. Washington
B. Comart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. J. M. Barker
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes
Cambrin	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond
Chenab	Water tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith
Clio	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Vaale
Fama	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. H. S. Monroe
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.
Hauly	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. R. R. Rosoman
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,900	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell
Kont	Armoured cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt
Kinsia	River gunboat	618	—	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt
Morlin	Surveying ship	1,070	6	1,400	Capt. F. C. O. Paseo
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley
Monmouth	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. L. E. Power, M.V.O.
Moorhous	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Comdr. Lambo
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh
Ribbles	T.B.D.	590	6	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. S. Tyndall
Rosario	Depot ship for submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Touthby
Ships	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie
Taku	Torpedo-boat destroyer	305	—	6,000	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,050	6	—	Comdr. Eyres
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. Hon. Guy Stopford
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. M. Baillie Hamilton
Usk	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Bluet
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	390	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Com. H. L. Hancock
Wendell	T.B.D.	590	—	57,000	Lt.-Com. E. T. Chambers
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	5	5,900	Lt.-Com. G. B. Hartford
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding
Woolcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood
Woolark	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Mulock
Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G.					
Submarines:—					
No. 35	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey Herbert	—	—	—	—
No. 37	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fennor	—	—	—	—
No. 38	Lt.-Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	—	—	—	—
T.B. 035	Lt.-Comdr. Woodward	—	—	—	West River.
T.B. 036	Lt.-Comdr. Davies	—	—	—	West River.
T.B. 07	Lt.-Comdr. Nicol	—	—	—	West River.
T.B. 038	Lt.-Comdr. Seymour	—	—	—	West River.
AMERICAN.					
A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray
A-4	—	—	—	—	Lt. E. D. McWhorter
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. C. S. Graves
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. R. Hill
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. S. W. Coker
Chancey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. F. J. Fletcher
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson
Dalo	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign J. L. Oswald
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. B. H. Green
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Houston
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. R. H. Jackson
Mohicun	Tender-submarine	1,900	6	1,101	Chief Gun. J. Mitchell
Monadnock	Monitor	3,909	6	3,900	Lt. E. P. Svarz
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,244	Com. H. A. Wiloy
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. C. A. Woodruff
Piscataqua	Gunboat	—	—	—	—
Pompey	Sea going tug	854	2	1,600	Lt. S. W. Wallace
Quinos	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lt. R. V. Lowe
Rainbow	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld
Samar	Cruiser	4,300	14	1,800	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell
Saratoga	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. E. D. Washburn, Jr.
Saratoga	Armored cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Biepham
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	8	208	Ensign H. A. McClure
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,891	Commander W. E. Edgar
Wompatuck	Tug	402	—	650	Chief Boatsw. P. E. Radcliffe
Flagship of Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, Commander China Squadron.					
Flagship of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Murdock, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet					
VESSELS TEMPORARILY ON ASIATIC STATION.					
Buffalo	Transport	6,000	6	3,000	Comdr. C. M. Stone
Colorado	Armored cruiser	13,880	18	23,000	Capt. W. A. Gill
California	Armored cruiser	13,880	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Hulstead
West Virginia	Armored cruiser	13,880	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Hulstead
Flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southernland					
GERMAN.					
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff
Gneisenau	Armored cruiser	11,600	38	26,000	Captain v. Uselar
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varselow
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Beluoke
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Moraberg
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	38	26,000	Capt. Rosing
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lut. Beronborg
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Claassen
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Lupp
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lut. Frhr Fircks
Waterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. z. S. Prinz
FRENCH.					
Dupleix	Armored cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—
Kleber	1st class cruiser	9,700	12	19,000	Lt. de Linars
Decade	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. d'Estienne
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lt. Bisacall
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. Pucot
Pelko	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. Combet
Esturgeon	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris
Perle	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris
Styx	Armored gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Seriot
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	—
d'Iberville	Destroyer	—	—	—	—
Takou	Destroyer	250	9	—	Comdr. Mortenol
Pistolet	Destroyer	130	7	300	Lt. de la R. Korandron
Monarque	Destroyer	307	6	300	—
Vauban	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—
Veleur	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—
Manche	Surveying ship	1,685	10	9,000	Com. Hagot de Touche
Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Korillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.					
Flagship of Commodore Bouticaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.					
PORTUGUESE.					
Masao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins
Patia	Gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milhoro

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 11, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

	Cts.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 20
Roast, — Shiu	20
Roast, — Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Breast, — Ngau Lam	16
Soup, — Tong Yuk	15
Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	20
do. — Sirloin Coton — Ngau Lau	30
Sausages, — Ngau Chauung	24
Bullock's Brains, — Know	por set 9
Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45
do. — corned, — Ham Ngau Li	60
Head, — Ngau Tan	6
Heart, — Ngau Sum	12
Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kiu	18
Feet, — Ngau Kask	9
Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	9
Tail, — Ngau Mei	18
Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb. 12
Trips (undressed), — Ngau To	6
Calvo Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 22
Lag, — Yeung Poi	22
Sh. ulder, — Yeung Shau	20
Pigs Chitlings, — Chu Chong	22
Brains, — Chu Know	por set 24
Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 12
Fry, — Chu Chak	25
Head, — Chu Tau	15
Heart, — Chu Sum	each 13
Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	9
Liver, — Chu Con	lb 30
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	20
Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	—
Leg, — Chu Poi	24
Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	15
Sheep Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Kark	set 50
Heart, — Yeung Sum	each 6
Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	0
Liver, — Yeung Con	1 24
Sucking Pigs, To Order — Chu Chai	22
Suet, Beef, — Sang Ngau Yau	20
Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	22
Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	20
Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chauung	20

POULTRY.

	Cts.
Chicken, — Kai Chai	lb 32
Capons, Large, Small, — Sia Kai	35
Ducks, — Ap	28
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 25
Eggs, Hen — Kai Tan	per doz 33
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb 33
Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	28
Geese, — Ngai	24
Geese, Wild, — Shing-ho Yea Ngai	pair —
Musk Deer, — Wong Kong	each —
Hare, Shanghai, — Tu Chai	—
Partridge, — Cho Khoo	—
Pheasant, — Shan Kai	pair \$ 1
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kup	each 30
Holow, — Hoi How Pak Kup	25
Quail, — Um Chun	20
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheul	dozen —
Snipe, — Sa Choy	each —
Turkeys, Cook, — Phor Kai Kung	lb. 62
Hen, — Na	58
Wild Ducks, — Shai — Shing hoi Sui Ap	—
Teal, — Sui Ap Chai	—
Wild Ducks Canton — Sang Shing Sui Ap	—

FISH.

	Cts.
Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb 8
Bream, — Bin Yu	10
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	10
Carp, — Li Yu	22
Codfish, — Chik Yu	18
Codfish, — Man Yu	18
Crabs, — Hai	20
Outle Fish, — Muk Yu	15
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	15
Dace, — Wong Mei Lun	11
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	9
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Manu	15
do. Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	18
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	28
Frogs, — Tien Kai	30
Garoupa, — Sek Pan	52
Gudgeon, — Pak Kup Yu	12
Herrings, — Tso Pak	20
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	28
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	16
Loach, — Wu Yu	28
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	24
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	24
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	28
Mullet, — Chai Yu	15
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	20
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	15
Perch, — Tau Loo	15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	7
Plaice, — Pan Yu	18
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	22
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	24
Pawnee, — Ming Ha	48
Ray, — Pa Pa	18
Rock Fish, — Sek Kai Kung	15
Salmon, — Ma Yu Yu	24

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COMMERCIAL.

Coal Report.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Coal Report states that the following coals are expected:—Japan 44,350, Manchuria 2,700, North China 4,000.

Sales.—Small sales of Japanese. Quotations: Cardiff, \$28.00 ex-ship, offering; Australian West Wallend, \$11.25 ex-ship, nominal, no stocks; Yubari Lump, \$12.00 ex-ship, nominal; Miiki Lump, \$10.50 to \$11.00 ex-ship, nominal; Moji Lump, \$7.75 to \$9.50 ex-ship, steady; Moji Unscreened, \$6.00 to \$8.00 ex-ship, steady; Akiiko Lump, \$7.75 to \$8.00 ex-ship, steady; Kaiping Navy Lump, \$10.00 to \$10.25 ex-ship, nominal; Kaiping Loco Lump, \$7.50 to \$7.75 ex-ship; Kaiping No. 5 Dust, \$6.50 to \$6.75 ex-ship; Kaiping No. 1 Dust, \$6.25 ex-ship; Fushun Lump, \$8.00 ex-ship, steady; Fushun Unscreened, \$7.00 ex-ship, steady; Fushun Dust, \$6.25 ex-ship, steady; Lanchoo Lump, \$7.25 ex-ship, steady; Lanchoo Dust, \$5.25 ex-ship.

Proposed Reduction of Business Taxes in Japan.

The Japanese Government is said to be making investigations with a view to reducing the income, business, salt, and exchange taxes in pursuance of the assurance given to the Diet. When a reduction of these taxes is effected, says the "Jiji," it will be necessary for the Government to find some other source of revenue to balance the deficit caused, and it is stated that the Government proposes to increase the sake and tobacco taxes, postage and telegraph charges, raise new taxes on the men who escape service in the barracks for conscription, and on the increased value of land. The rate of the increase of existing taxes and the amount of new taxes still remain undecided, as these figures have a close bearing upon the reduction in the income and other taxes, but it is said to be already decided to increase the rate of postage on letters from three to four sen, and that on postcards from one and a-half to two sen.

Rubber Congress at Batavia.

An international rubber congress and exhibition, organized by the Netherlands Indies Agricultural Syndicate, will be held at Batavia in April, 1914. It is understood to have influential government and commercial support. A complete programme will shortly be published and distributed on a large scale throughout the world. Both the congress and the exhibition will deal with all matters concerning rubber production, wild and plantation rubber, and the preparation of the crude product, and attention will be given to various branches of the industry, such as the culture and preparation of balata, jolting, and gutta percha. The congress and exhibition, which cover the whole scope of rubber culture and industries, will be held in one of the important rubber-producing countries.—"N. China Daily News."

Proposed Rubber Combine.

An extraordinary general meeting of the St. Helena Rubber Company will be held at Commercial Union Building, Singapore, on Friday, May 17, at noon, when the following resolutions will be submitted:—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this company's estate with that of the New Singapore Rubber Company, Limited.

(2) That the conditional agreement submitted to the meeting be and the same is hereby approved, and the directors of the company are hereby authorised to carry such agreement into effect with such (if any) modifications as they may think expedient.

Ceylon Rubber.

The Grand Central (Ceylon) Rubber Estates, Ltd., pays a final dividend of 3 per cent, making 6 per cent, for the year, writes off £5,000, puts to constant advances £5,000, and carries forward £8,800. The rubber estimate for the current year is 600,000 lbs.

To day's Advertisements

Hongkong - Boston and New York.



AMERICAN-ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast and to proceed via Cape of Good Hope.)

S.S. "WALTON HALL" on or about 6th June, 1912.

For Freight and further information apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents, Hongkong, 18th May, 1912. [375]

NOTICE.

WE have this day taken over the agency for the Russian Volunteer Fleet of St. Petersburg from Messrs. MELCHERS & CO.

My offices have been opened at Hotel Mansions, Third Floor, Rooms No. 12A and 14.

C. D. A. LUCKHMANOFF, Hongkong, 13th May, 1912. [376]

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "NIPPON MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU and JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, 17th inst., at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Consignees' Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatsoever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or godown and examination of same to be arranged.

All claims must be filed on or before the 30th inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

S. MORITOMO, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1912. [13]

To Sail

THE AMERICAN & MAN-CHURIAN LINE. FOR NEW YORK.

(With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast and to proceed via the Cape of Good Hope.)

THE Steamship

"MATOPPO," Captain Diamond, will be despatched for the above port on or about WEDNESDAY, 15th May.

For Freight and further information apply to THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents, Hongkong, 15th April, 1912. [303]

Regular Steamship Service

(With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast and to proceed via the Cape of Good Hope.)

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" on or about 25th May.

For Freight and further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 4th May, 1912. [351]

Public Companies.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 28th May, 1912, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th May to the 28th May, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD., W. G. DARBY, General Manager, Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [370]

PEAK TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of May, 1912, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1912.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th instant, to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [371]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A Special Meeting of the Members will be held on MONDAY, the 20th May, 1912, at 4 o'clock p.m. in the Chamber Room, St. George's Building, to nominate a Member of the Chamber to fill the place of the Hon. E. A. Head, C.M.G., during 9 months' leave of absence granted to him by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government.

Notice in writing of the names of Candidates and of their Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting.

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary, Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [365]

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that Mr. S. MORIMOTO has been appointed AGENT of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA at HONGKONG with effect from this date, to the transfer of Mr. K. MAEDA to YOKOHAMA.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Buildings, Hongkong, 8th May, 1912. [364]

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & COMPANY.

By mutual consent, Mr. Arthur E. Dowler retires to-day from the above firm and the business thereof will be continued by Harry Edward Arnhold, Ernst Goetz, Max Nielsen and Charles H. Arnhold, the continuing partners being entitled to all the assets of the firm and assuming its obligations.

Dated, March 30th, 1912.

(Signed) HARRY E. ARNHOLD, ERNST GOETZ, MAX NIELSEN, CHARLES H. ARNHOLD, Continuing Partners, ARTHUR E. DOWLER, Retiring Partner.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

THE Public is hereby notified that on and from Wednesday, May 15th, the following alterations will be made in the Time Table now in force:—

No. 7 Down Train will leave Canton 11 a.m. instead of at 11.45 a.m. as at present advertised, and No. 10 Up Train will leave Sham Chun at 12.55 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. The train advertised to leave Hongkong for Taipei, Fanching and Sham Chun on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. will be discontinued until further notice.

From this date also First and Second Class Return Tickets between Hongkong or Kowloon and Canton or vice versa will be available for the return journey for one week from date of issue instead of as at present for two days.

Return Tickets to and from intermediate Stations, however, will remain as before available for two days after date of issue.

By Order, The Administration, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Kowloon, 15th May, 1912. [374]

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Depository of the U.S. Government in the Philippines, India and the Republic of Panama.

Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York.

London Office: 55, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Capital and Reserve \$100,000,000

Assets \$100,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for the year at 4 per cent or for shorter periods, at rates which may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS issued on all the principal cities in the world.

THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.

COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.

PURCHASE and Sale of Stocks and Shares effected.

The Officers of the Bank are bound not to disclose the transactions of any of its customers.

GEORGE HODGKINSON, Manager.

Head Office: 22, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [19]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL Yen 48,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL " 30,000,000

RESERVE FUND " 17,500,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches at: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Nagasaki, New York, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

Consignees.

"GEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVOLICH."

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby

Notified that all Goods are being loaded at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be count signed by JIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 13th May, 1912. [373]

SOCIETA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI MARITIMI.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"POLOVERA"

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be sent to the Office of the Underwriter before Noon, on the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All Claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 10th May, 1912. [366]

Banks

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF FIDUCIARY \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

H. H. Johnston, Esq., Chairman, Andrew Forbes, Esq., Deputy Chairman, G. F. Friedman, Esq., W. L. Patterson, Esq., O. S. Gubbay, Esq., Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Esq., G. R. Laurence, Esq., H. A. Sieba, Esq., F. Lieb, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGERS: Hongkong—N. J. STARR, Manager; Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER, Manager.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Accounts at the rate of 3 per cent. On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 5 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 6 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 6 1/2 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND £1,650,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

W. W. DICKSON, Manager, Hongkong, 14th April, 1912. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP—Sh. Tael 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

DEUTSCHER BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENTS.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHEIDT, Manager, Hongkong, 8th Oct., 1911. [3]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed " 1,125,000

Paid Up " 662,000

Reserve Fund " 865,000

HEAD OFFICE: 40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN: Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Bankers.

Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Clients. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

W. C. MACDONALD, Manager, Hongkong, 10th May, 1912. [367]

Exchange

Selling.		Buying.
1/10	4 m/s L/O	2 1/2
2 1/2	4 m/s D/P	2 1/2
2 1/2	6 m/s L/O	2 1/2
2 1/2	80 d/s Sydney & Melbourne	2 1/2
2 1/2	10 d/s San Foo & New York	4 1/2
2 1/2	4 m/s Marks	2 1/2
2 1/2	4 m/s France	2 5/8
2 1/2	4 m/s do	2 5/8
2 1/2	Bar Silver, ready	88 1/16
2 1/2	forward	88 1/16
2 1/2	Bank of England rate	84 1/2
2 1/2	Switzerland	80 3/8

Subsidiary Coins.

Discount per \$100.		Opium Quotation.
Chinese ... 20 cts. pieces	...	April, 23.
Chinese ... 10 " "	...	Malwa, New ... \$3,380
Hongkong 20 " "	...	Malwa, Old ... 3,420
Hongkong 10 " "	...	Malwa, V. Old ... 3,400
		Persian, fine quality 1,700
		Patas, New ... 3,750
		Patas, Old ... 3,000
		Denares, New ... 3,650
		Denares, Old ... 3,600

SHARE REPORT.

5—SELLERS.		5A—SALE.		5B—BUYERS.	
STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.		CLOSING QUOTES.		LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.	
BANKS.					
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$838.25, 34.25		22.50 at 1/10 1/2 equal to \$24.37 for 1 year ending 31-12-11	
		482-10-0		22 equal \$22.32 for 1 year ending 30 June 1911	
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Canton	\$50	\$220	b.	\$18 for 1910	
North China	45	T140		Interim of 10/- for 1911	
Unions	\$100	\$815		Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1910 and Interim of \$80 for 1911	
Yangtze	250	\$210		\$13 for 1 09 and Int. of \$8 on account of 1910	
FIRE INSURANCES.					
China Fire	\$20	\$132	b.	\$7 & 1/2 of \$2 for 1910	
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$352	b.	\$27 for 1910	
SHIPPING.					
China & Manilla	25	\$1 1/2		\$1 for 1906	
Dorylas Steamships	\$25	\$20 1/2	b.	5 p.c. for year end'g 30-6-11	
Steamboats	\$15	\$27	b.	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31-12-11	
Indo-China (Preferred)				8% final making 6% for 1908	
(Deferred)	45	\$6 1/2	b.	1908-6% div. for 1909 on preferred shares	
"Shell" Transports	41	120/-		1/- per share Coupon No 15 2/6 per share Coupon No. 16 for 1910.	
"Star Ferry"	\$10	\$32	b.	Div. 7 p. c. for year end- Bon. 5 p. c. ing 30.4.11	
	\$5	\$20	b		
REFINERIES.					
China Sugars	\$100	\$108	b.	\$10 for 1910	
Luxon Sugars	\$100	\$84	b.	\$3 for 1897	
MINING.					
Chinese Engineerings	41	38/-		Interim of 1/- on account for year ending 28.3.11 (Coupon No.16)	
Tongkah	41	77	b.		
Banks	41	44 1/2		1s. 2d. per share on 150,000	
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS.					
Kowloon Wharfs	\$50	\$56 1/2	sa. & b.	\$3 for year ending 31.12.11	
H. K. & W'pos Docks	\$50	\$47	b.	\$1 final dividend for year 1912	
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	T.54		Ts. 2 1/2 for 1910.	
Hongkew Wharfs	T. 100	T.87 1/2		Final of Ts. 4 for 1910	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Anglo French Lands	T.100.	T.94	b.	Ts. 3 2/3-10	
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$110 1/2	sa.	\$3 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31-12-11	
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$105	b.	Interim div. of \$5 for 1911	
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$8	sa.	40 cents for 1911	
Kowloon Lands	\$80	\$84	b.	\$2.75 for 1911	
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	T.88		5% for half year to 30-6-11.	
West Point	\$50	\$53		Interim div. of \$3 for 1911 and final of \$3 making \$4.00 for 1911	
Manila M'pole Hotel	P.10	P.8		15 per cent. for 1910	
COTTON MILLS.					
Ewon	T. 50	T.91		T4 for year ended 31-10-10; T7 for year ended 30-12-10; 50 cents 31-7-03	
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	\$5	b.	\$1 for 1910	
MISCELLANEOUS.					
China-Borneo	\$12	\$10 1/2	sa.		
Light and Powers	\$10	\$1.90	b.		
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1				
China Providents	\$10	\$8 1/2	s.	70 cents for 1911	
Dairy Farms	\$5	\$23	sa.	\$1.25 for year end'g 31-7-11	
Green Islands	\$10	\$4 1/2	b.	40 cents for 1911.	
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$22 1/2	b.	\$1.40 per share	
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$205		Final div. of \$10 for year ending 31-12-11	
Hongkong Rope	\$10	\$18 1/2	b.	\$1 interim account 1911 (Special bonus T.2 15-1-11 Interim div. T.1 15-3-11 Interim div. T.1 15-6-13 Interim div. T.1 15-9-11	
Langkats	g. 10	T.67		None	
Morning Post	\$25	\$22		80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30-4-11	
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$12 1/2	s.	None	
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1.20		\$1.50 for 1910	
Phillips	\$10	\$5 b.		First year	
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12 1/2			
Societe des Preferees	\$50	\$37 1/2			
Pulpes et	paid up \$50				
Papierettes					
du Tonkin					
Banaghat-Sumatra	T. 20	T110		No dividend this year	
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$5	s.	50 cts. for year end'g 30-5-1	
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.....	\$10	\$10		15 per cent. per ordinary share for year ended 31-5-1911	
United Asbestos Foundry Shares ...	\$10	\$300		75 cents per share for year ending 31-12-1911	
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$7 1/2	b.	10 per cent. for year ending 31-7-10	
Wismann, Ltd.	\$10	\$15 b.		20 cents for 1910	
Watson	\$10	\$5 sa.			
William Powell		\$6 1/2	s.		
Contracted to 3 p.m. May 11, 1911 by WRIGHT AND HORNEY					
General Managers, Queen's Building, 10, Robinson Road, Singapore.					
This Notice does not hold the responsible for use of the above information.					

